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Title: Need to secure and maintain the historic palace 'Hazar Duari' in Murshidabad district of West Bengal.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): A recent past "Alam Panja" a historic relic was stolen from the magnificent palace in Murshidabad which is popularly known as 'Hazar Duari' literally means a palace of thousand doors. The palace is maintained by Archeological Survey of India. Lakhs of tourists used to visit the palace every year as it is the palace which is a treasure trove of historical evidences. Even noted historians frequent the palace in order to conduct research.

Pilfering and theft of a number of precious relics have already been reported over the years. The people of this district have an emotional attachment with the edifice.

In view of the historical background of the palace the Ministry of Culture should have a comprehensive plan to secure and maintain the historic and archeological assets.