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Title: Need to declare Malegarh fort in Karimganj district of Assam associated with the sepoy mutiny of 1857 as National Heritage.

SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS (KARIMGANJ): The Malegarh Fort located near Indo-Bangladesh Border at Latu in present Karimganj district of Assam is under my constituency and the only historical site of Sepoy Mutiny in North East India. The Malegarh Fort has burial site of bodies of 26 soldiers of third and fourth companies of 34 Native Infantry of Chittagong, who had revolted on 18th Dec 1857 against the British army. There is also burial of 5 colonial British soldiers located in the same place. 34 Native Infantry looted arms and ammunition, cash and elephants from Chittagong and left for Manipur via Tripura that very night. This place is in a state of neglect. In the memory of those freedom fighters, some developmental work was done and Shahid Bedi was constructed a few years ago with the fund provided by the Union Government. Every year on 18th December, district administration, leading citizens and BSF personnel pay tribute to the Shahids.

The road communication leading to Malegarh is not upto the mark and some developmental work is necessary.

So through this august house I request the Union Government to provide sufficient fund and to declare this historical place as National Heritage.