



Ministry of Culture

Declaration of Begumpuri Masjid and Sarai Shahji Monuments in Delhi as Protected Monuments

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Begumpur Masjid and Sarai Shahji have been declared as monuments of National importance. As per Sections 20A and 20B of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958 (amended therein 2010), prohibited (100 metres from protected area) and regulated area (200 metres beyond prohibited area) have been defined. While only repair or renovation of existing structures are allowed in prohibited area, construction or reconstruction or repair or renovation is permitted in regulated areas.

93 number of complaints have been received from field office of Archaeological Survey of India regarding unauthorized construction near Begumpur Masjid and Sarai Shahji.

Out of above 93 cases, forty removal orders under Rule 38(1) to the concerned persons/offenders and 24 demolition order under Rule 38(2) of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules, 1959, to the concerned Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) have been issued.

This information was given by Minister of State (IC) for Culture and Minister of State for Environment, Forest & Climate Change Dr. Mahesh Sharma in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

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