

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND REMAINS BILL, 2016</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A BILL</b></p>	
	Further to amend the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and to make provision for allowing public works and project essential for public in prohibited area	
	Be it enacted by Parliament in the Sixty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:-	
	<b>1.</b> This Act may be called the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Amendment Act, 2016	<b>Short title and commencement</b>
<b>Amendment of section 2</b>	<b>Insertion of definition of ‘Public works’ and ‘projects essential to public’</b>	
	(ja) “Public works” means construction works related to infrastructure which is financed and constructed by the Central Government for public purposes, being essential to public safety or security of public at large and its emergent necessity is based upon specific instance of danger to public safety or security of public at large;	

Amendment of Section 20A	2. Insertion of sub-sections (5) and (6) after sub section (4) of Section 20A	
New sub-sections (5) and (6) inserted	<p>(5) Nothing contained in sub-section (4) above shall apply to public works.</p> <p><b>Provided that</b> whether or not a construction or work is public works, such question shall be referred to the National Monuments Authority for its recommendation and opinion, which shall be forwarded by the Authority to the Central Government whose decision thereon shall be final.</p> <p><b>Provided further</b> that if the decision of Central Government differs in substance from the recommendation and opinion of the Authority, the Central Government shall record its reasons for departure from the recommendation and opinion of the Authority.</p> <p>(6) (a) Upon decision of the Central Government determining a construction as public works, in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (5), no permission shall be required from the Competent Authority.</p> <p>(b) The provisions of section 20C shall apply <i>mutatis mutandis</i> to such construction of public works in a prohibited area.</p>	Insertion of new sub-sections (5) and (6)