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It follows Notification S.O. 2888(E) of June 8, 2026, which gave two months' notice of the intention to make this declaration. Copies of that notice were made available to the public on June 8, 2026, and a copy was put up at a conspicuous place, as section 4(1) requires. The new notification records that no one objected.

The schedule protects plot No. 2905, khata No. 19, an area of 1.63 acres owned by the Government of Bihar. Its boundaries are plot No. 2904 to the north; plots 2915, 2919, 2921 and 2922 to the south; plots 2906, 2909, 2919 and 2920 to the east; and plot No. 951 (road) and plot 2923 to the west. A site plan marks the limit of the protected area.

The notification doesn't mention the land around the site, give a start date or set any rules on building there. Under sections 20A and 20B of the same Act, the area within 100 metres of the limit of a protected area is a prohibited area, and the next 200 metres is a regulated area. No new construction is allowed in the prohibited area. Repair or renovation of an existing building there, and any construction, reconstruction, repair or renovation in the regulated area, needs permission from the competent authority under the Act.

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Legal basis	Section 4(3), Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 (24 of 1958)
Site	Raniwas Mound, Kesariya, East Champaran, Bihar
Plot and khata	Plot No. 2905, Khata No. 19
Area	1.63 acres

Ownership	Government of Bihar
Earlier notice	S.O. 2888(E), June 8, 2026: two months for objections
Objections received	None
Takes effect	The notification gives no separate date
Signed by	Yadubir Singh Rawat, Director General

Boundaries of the protected site

Side	Adjoining plots
North	Plot No. 2904
South	Plot No. 2915, 2919, 2921 and 2922
East	Plot No. 2906, 2909, 2919 and 2920
West	Plot No. 951 (Road) and 2923

The notification (PDF, 824 KB)

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