

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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EXCAVATION WORK AT FATEHPUR SIKRI  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has discovered Jain temples and other scriptures of second century during the recent excavation of Fatehpur Sikri;
- (b) if so, the scheme formulated for carrying out further excavation work in this regard; and
- (c) the arrangements being made for the protection of this heritage of historical importance?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a)&(b) The ongoing excavation by the Archaeological Survey of India at Bir Chhabili-ka-tila in Fatehpur Sikri in District Agra has yielded thirty four pieces of sculptures. Some of them are of the Jain Tirthankaras namely, Rishabhanatha, Sambhavanatha, and Kunthunatha, and a few are of Jain Goddesses Ambika and Sarasvati, all datable to the 9th-11th century A.D.

(c) The site lies in the prohibited area of the centrally protected monument of Fatehpur Sikri.