

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM AND CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:899  
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2000  
BUDDHIST RUINS IN ANDHAR PRADESH  
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is undertaking any survey of Buddhist ruins in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such a survey has been done earlier by ASI;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether some above mentioned sites exist in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh;
- (f) if so, whether any study has been done in this regard; and
- (g) the plans of ASI to expand knowledge on this subject in the State ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (f) Yes, Sir. Details are given in Annexure which includes four Buddhist sites namely, Alluru, Penukanchiprolu, Ghantasala and Jujuru in the Krishna District in Andhra Pradesh. The last three have been excavated by ASI and results are given in the attached Annexure.

(g) Archaeological Survey of India has no plan in this regard for the present?

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.899 TO BE REPLIED ON 28.7.2  
RESPECT OF PARTS(c)(d)(e) and (f)**

Sl.No. Village/Site District Cultural assemblage REMARKS

1. Salihundam Srikakulam Buddhist site Revealed Buddhist structures viz viharas kitchen, store rooms inscriptions etc.
2. Rajul-Mandagiri Kurnool- Buddhist site Inscription of Ashoka.
3. Amravati- Guntur- Buddhist site- Excavation yielded ruins of maha chaitya along with a large number of exquisite sculptures and inscriptions of the Satavahana and other period.
4. Nagarjunakonda Guntur- Buddhist site- Seven important sites were opened up, Valley revealing the remains of viharas, stupas, an assembly hall, a chancelled bath and two temples, one of them of Hariti, pavilions, bathing ghats and a large number of sculptures, inscriptions, coins terracotta and other antiquities.

5. Kotturu Vishakapatnam- Buddhist site- Excavation revealed Buddhist Vihara complex.
6. Yegunalli Tadakonda-E. Godavari Buddhist site A fairly well-preserved brick stupa, about 600 ft in circumference at the base and 13 ft height was found
7. Lingarajupalem Buddhist site Site of a large Buddhist stupa.
8. Krishria Buddhist site - Two Buddhist images datable to Ikshvaku period were found.
9. Guntur Buddhist site A large mound, statue of Buddha and sculptured panels.
10. Chandavaram - Neopre-Buddhist site- Remains of stupas, earthen bunds and fortification.
11. Guntupalle- West Godavari- Buddhist site Copper casket inside votive stupa no.4. The casket contained two more caskets one of silver and other seemingly of gold. the inner most casket yielded beads of bone and crystal. Excavation revealed a stupa with a platform in addition to three caskets of copper, silver and gold kept one inside the other with relics found in the innermost golden casket. Besides a bronze image of Buddha padmapani was also discovered.
12. Bhattiprolu- Guntur- Buddhist site Excavation yielded brick -built stupa, -a platform, railing and two wings of viharas.
13. Kondapur- Medak- Buddhist site A stupa mound discovered.
14. Penukanchiprolu Krishna Buddhist site A Buddhist stupa site, limestone sculptures of Buddha found.
15. Kalingapatnam - Srikakulam - Buddhist site A huge Buddhist stupa mound was noticed.
16. Nambur, Guntur Buddhist site Buddhistic establishment Seethanagaram Vijayakildari
17. Kukutlappalle- Prakasam- Buddhist site Buddhistic establishment
18. Yerrapalem- Guntur- Buddhist site A cluster of Buddhist stupas were found.
19. Ghantasala- Krishna Buddhist site Chronological sequence of the site was established.
20. Aduru - East Godavari Buddhist site Excavation revealed spoked wheel type stupa.
21. Kampalli- Karim Nagar Buddhist site Brick stupa, viharas and pillared hall.
22. Pashgaon - Karim Nagar Buddhist site Discovered chaitya griha and vihara complex.
23. Rudrakota- Nellore Buddhist site Fragment of chhatra and lotus motif found.
24. Jujjuru- Krishna Buddhist site Votive stupa was found.