

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3667  
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BARABATI FORT IN CUTTACK  
Nayak Shri Ananta

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken to excavation of Barabati Fort at Cuttack in Orissa.
- (b) If, so, the progress os far made in this regard:
- (c) Whether the excavation work has now been discontinued; and
- (d) If so, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE( SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY )

(a)&(b) : Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India has carried out excavations at the Barabati fort, District Cuttack, Orissa during the years from 1989-90 to 1996-97 and 2003-2004. The excavation revealed remains of a palace in the middle of the fort, a temple, numerous architectural fragments, pieces of pillar members besides valuable antiquities dating from circa 13th century A.D. to 18th Century A.D.

( c ) & ( d ) : The excavation at the Barabati Fort could not be continued owing to the presence of Government Quarters at the site. The District Administration has been requested to remove the same to enable ASI to take up further excavation.