

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TOMBS OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tombs of Swetpur (chechar), Pojha, Vaidolia, Valu Karam, Bonaphad, Lakhimpur, Gorigamadih, Narrenchod, Muapsoma, Acharya Vimalkirti and Allarkalam etc. in Vaishali and Muzzaffarpur Districts alongwith Forts of King Vishal have been identified to be of historical and archaeological importance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether 52 ponds and wells of Buddha's period have also been found in the above places; and
- (d) if so, the plan proposed to be formulated for excavation and development of these sites?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. On the basis of archaeological explorations, excavations and available literary data, these sites, are of immense historical and archaeological importance. The artefacts and structural remains establish that these sites contain the cultural relics belonging to early- historical, historical and medieval periods.
- (c): Although no comprehensive field study has been done at these sites with specific objective to locate ponds and wells, the excavations have brought to light a tank located at Koluha near Ashokan Pillar, besides Abhishekh Pushkarni(tank) at Vaisali, belonging to early historical period(6th Cent. B.C.)
- (d): Koluha and Raja Vishal-ka-Garh, both under central protection as of national importance, are already developed. Other sites could be taken up for development only after significant structural remains are found.