

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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EXCAVATION IN VAISHALI  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of times excavation have been carried out in Vaishali in Bihar and the dates of excavation;
- (b) the details of historical items discovered in such excavation at each time;
- (c) the condition of preservation of the excavated items and places where the items have been preserved at present;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to preserve these archaeological items in the museum at Vaishali; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a): The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has conducted excavation for five field seasons (1989-90 to 1992-93) at Kolhua, District Muzaffarpur, Bihar which is a part of the ancient city of Vaishali.
- (b): The details of historical items discovered are given at Annexure.
- (c) & (d): The excavated items are preserved by the respective institutions who conducted excavation in Vaishali. Some of the materials excavated by the Archaeological Survey of India are also, preserved and kept in safe custody and in display or in reserve collection at Archaeological Museum, Vaishali.
- (e): The items recovered by the other Institutions can also be displayed in Vaishali Museum provided that the controlling institutions are willing to transfer the excavated materials to the Archaeological Museum, Vaishali, which lies close to the excavated site.