

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3576
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REVIVAL OF VIKRAMSHILA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any representation has been received by the Government for the restoration and revival of Vikramshila;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard during the recent months?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the representation dated 04-09-2009, some issues related to conservation and preservation of the ancient site of Vikramshila have been raised.

(c) Following the receipt of representation, the site was visited by Director General, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in October 2009 and, accordingly, necessary conservation measures were further implemented for better conservation of the monument. During the recent months, the remaining conservation works of cells & Stupa, construction of boundary wall and development of garden in the inner courtyard, at Vikramshila have been taken up. The monument is in a good state of preservation.