

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1067
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KAPPE ARABHATTA INSCRIPTION
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an inscription of the Kannada poet Kappe Arabhatta was recently discovered in the Badami caves of Bagalkot in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take any measure to preserve the sites/caves from where more inscriptions are likely to be traced; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Kappe Arabhatta Inscription has been brought to the notice of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) through the press note/paper clippings. The inscription of 7th century A.D. is engraved on the rock shelter (Shidlapadi cave) at Badami. The inscription consists of three lines and middle portion is worn and it is the copy of the already known Kappe Arabhatta Inscription.
- (c) & (d) Since the Shidlapadi Cave in which the inscription is engraved is already centrally protected monument, it remains under care and protection by Dharwad Circle of the Archaeological Survey of India.