

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MUSEUM AT LALITGIRI
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a museum at Lalitgiri in Orissa to house the bone relics of Lord Buddha found during an excavation in 1985;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the manner in which the relics are likely to be displayed to the public?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir, the Buddhist relics are proposed to be housed in a museum.
- (b) Details are at Annexure-I.
- (c) Question does not arise.
- (d) The relic –caskets containing Buddhist bone relics would be housed and displayed for the public under adequate security and surveillance.