

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4397
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MEDIEVAL ROCK CARVINGS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any important rock carving belonging to the medieval period has been discovered in the campus of the Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been any delay on the part of the Archaeological Survey of India to take steps to preserve the said findings;
- (d) If so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to expedite the preservation work?

Answer

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

- (a)& (b) Yes, Sir. A rock carving of a moving elephant was noticed in the Campus of Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi. Consisting of a short Devanagiri inscription assignable to 17th -18th centuries A.D which reads DASAM.
- (c) & (d) No, Sir. It is not worthy of protection by the Archaeological Survey of India as a monument of national importance.
- (e) Question does not arise.