

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:21
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DISCOVERY OF BUDDHIST STUPA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Buddhist stupa was recently discovered in the Krishna region of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the said ancient monument?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) A Buddhist Stupa site was discovered in Munjuluru Village, Bantumilli Manda, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh by the State Department of Archaeology, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh in 2010 consisting of a hemispherical mound about 10 meters height with rectangular projections at the base on four cardinal directions found in the Village Munjuluru in an extent of 43 cms. The brick size measures 27x23x7 cms. in the surrounding areas of the mound noticed black and red ware, buff along with conch shells. Broken Ayaka Pillar of lime stone and pitha datable to 5th – 6th century A.D. were also noticed.

(c) The State Department of Archaeology & Museums, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has issued the Notification No.G.O.Ms.No.64, YAT &C (PMU) Deptt., dated 16th June, 2011 for protecting the said ancient monument.