

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:982  
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2012  
MUSEUM AT VAISHALI  
Singh Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad

**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the relic of Lord Buddha was found in Vaishali during an excavation in 1958;
- (b) if so, whether the High Court of Patna had directed the Government to set up a museum in Vaishali to house the said remains of Lord Buddha;
- (c) if so, whether the Government had agreed in the court that it would bear the cost of setting up such a museum;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has not set up the said museum even after one year has passed since the court's directive;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) The Central Government has agreed to provide financial assistance to the project subject to the submission of detailed proposal from the Government of Bihar.
- (d) &(e) According to information received from the Government of Bihar, out of the total required area for the museum, an area of 2.5 acres of land has been acquired so far.
- (f) The matter is being pursued with the State Government.