

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:236
ANSWERED ON:28.08.2012
BHADRAPADA SAKA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain archaeological sites were unearthed in the country during excavations in the recent past ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof,
- (c) whether several important archaeological sites are getting buried due to the ever expanding human habitation in the country;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to conduct a survey to identify such sites and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 236 FOR 28.08.2012

- (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Details are at Annexure – I

(c)&(d) A few sites are being buried due to developmental activities and expanding human habitation. Whenever such instances come to notice, the Archaeological Survey of India approves salvage archaeological operations or give permissions to other institutions in order to document the site for future references as per the recommendations of Standing Committee of Central Advisory Board of Archaeology (CABA), which meets every year to discuss various issues related to archaeology of India. In case of a centrally protected site under threat, action is taken as per provisions of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958.

- (e) As a yearly programme the Standing Committee of CABA considers the proposals received from various agencies for exploration and survey of areas in different parts of the country to record the availability of potential archaeological sites for future work. Details are at Annexure - II