

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF HISTORICAL PLACE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Lakshagriha of Mahabharat era and a unique Shivalinga have been discovered at Lakhamandal in Uttarakhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) If so, the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to develop the said place as a tourist spot?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Some years ago a fine dressed Shivalinga with yonipeetha was found near protected temple at Lakhamandal during ploughing of the fields. The Shivalinga reflects the mirror image of the person standing in front of it while pouring water on it.
- (c) The temple and images in the vicinity at Lakhamandal is a protected monument by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) which is well conserved and maintained by the Dehradun Circle of ASI. Besides this basic amenities like toilet block, drinking water, benches, shoe racks, cultural notice board etc. are provided at the monument for the tourists.