

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1346
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EXCAVATION IN NALANDA UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of efforts made so far for discovering aspects of Indian culture in the premises of Nalanda University;
- (b) whether the work of excavation in Nalanda University is not yet completed;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the present status thereof;
- (d) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) had advised for excavation of all the places linked to Nalanda University;
- (e) if so, whether such a proposal was not accepted; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) The details of efforts made by the Archaeological Survey of India through excavations for discovering the aspects of Indian culture in Nalanda University are at Annexure.
- (b) The excavation works of Nalanda University have been completed against all the licences issued to the proposals made for the purpose.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) No, Madam.
- (e)& (f) Do not arise.