

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXCAVATIONS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the articles unearthed during the excavations carried out in various parts of Bihar including Vaishali district so far;
- (b) the locations where these articles of historical importance have been kept;
- (c) whether the Archaeological Survey of India operates/set up any museum in Vaishali district of Bihar; and
- (d) if so, the action likely to be taken by the Government to bring the articles of historical importance found during excavations in the Vaishali museum?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH

- (a) The details of articles found during the excavation are at Annexure.
- (b) The articles unearthed during the excavation in Bihar are preserved by Patna Circle and Excavation Branch of ASI and by the four site Museums namely Nalanda, Vaishali, Bodhgaya & Vikramshila.
- (c) ASI has a site museum in Vaishali since 1971.
- (d) Generally, the antiquities recovered during excavations by Patna Circle of ASI are taken to Archaeological Museum, Vaishali after the respective excavation reports.