

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

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STUDY OF FOSSILS  
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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any Central team has been constituted for preservation and study of fossils found in Western Nimar in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any provision/ arrangement for keeping the fossils safe and any proposal for setting up of any museum for preservation of fossils; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) : No, Madam. Ministry of Mines has not constituted any team for preservation and study of fossils found in Western Nimar in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) & (d) : Geological Survey of India [GSI] through its office at Central Region, Nagpur and Operational office at Bhopal has extended its co-operation to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh as requested from time to time for establishing Ashmadha Fossil Museum, situated on Mandu-Dhar Road on Malwa Traps, Dhar district, Madhya Pradesh. Ashmadha Fossil Museum is emerging as one of the best field museum in India with well preserved plant fossils from Nimar and other associated fossils from Bagh Formation and dinosaur eggs and bones from Lameta Formation.

GSI also maintains a museum at its Central Region Headquarters at Nagpur where collected samples are preserved for exhibition and academic purpose.