

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4275  
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EXCAVATION OF BUDDHIST HISTORY AT BODHGAYA  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to excavate Buddhist relics history at Bodhgaya and its surrounding areas;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) proposes to conduct survey in the above areas to obtain more knowledge about Buddhist history;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposes to be taken to preserve the articles and places of Buddhist history in and around Bodhgaya?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a), (b), (c) and (d) There is no proposal to undertake any excavation in and around Bodhgaya by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) or any other agency.
- (e) Sujatagarh at Bakraur near Bodhgaya is a centrally protected monument. It is in a good state of preservation. The antiquities retrieved from Sujatagarh and surrounding areas of Bodhgaya are preserved in the archaeological site museum of ASI at Bodhgaya.