

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF BALIRAJ GARH
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Baliraj Garh in Baber Barahi block of Madhubani district is a famous place and thousand of acres of land is available there and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has started the excavation work at that place and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to beautify the said place and develop it as tourist spot; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be developed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): The remains of Ancient Fort or Garh locally known as Raja Bali ka Garh at Balirajgarh in Babubarhi Block, Dist-Madhubani, Bihar, is a centrally protected site under ASI, Patna Circle which covers 122.31 acres of land.

(b): According to ASI the excavation has been carried out during 1962-63 by Mid-Eastern Circle (now Patna Circle of ASI) and subsequently State Archaeology, Government of Bihar in the year 1972-73 and further in the year 2013-14 by Patna Circle of ASI.

The findings included remains of rampart in three different phases, structural remains of burnt bricks laid in mud mortar, and some other structures of residential building have been brought into light. Among the antiquities are terracotta objects like animal and human figurines, beads; semiprecious stones beads, sealings etc.

(c) & (d): Development and Promotion of Tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism projects which are prioritized in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territories. The projects which are in accordance with the scheme guidelines are sanctioned/ funds released subject to continuation of Scheme, availability of funds and submission of Utilization Certificates for funds released to them in the previous years.

The State Government has informed that at present there is no proposal for beautification of the said site under their consideration.