

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXCAVATION WORK IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a cave belonging to the Buddha era has been discovered in Brahman wada village in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether some utensils, etc. found from the said cave have been stolen by the thieves;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to excavate and discover other caves located at the said site; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to recover the utensils stolen from the said cave?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) CULTURE & TOURISM (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

- (a) & (b) On the basis of the preliminary survey of the said site it was found that these structures are underground rock cut cave with two flights of steps belonging to the historical period.
- (c)to (e) Archaeological Survey of India is not aware of any stolen utensils from the site, as this is not a centrally protected monument. At present there is no such proposal to excavate the site.