

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1253
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PROTECTION OF INSCRIPTIONS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeologists of Calcutta University have found 8th century inscriptions in Purulia district of West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government to protect the ancient inscriptions in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Archaeologists from Calcutta University found four lined rock inscription from village Dhuluri, District Purulia, West Bengal. The inscriptions contain 4 to 5 letters of each line in North Indian Brahmi character which indicate that the inscription belong to post Gupta period (7th-8th Century A.D).

(c) The District Authorities have been advised in this case to approach the State Department of Archaeology for its safety and protection. A large number of inscriptions at monuments and sites and in ASI site museums have been preserved throughout the country.