

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CONSERVATION OF MAHARISHI BALMIKI ASHRAM
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to conserve the historical places associated with the Mahabharat and Ramayana in the Baleni village of Baghpat and other parts of the western Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of the monuments;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to conserve these culture and historical places and to promote tourism in these places; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The site of Baleni village is not a protected monument/site of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The protected monuments traditionally stated to be associated with Mahabharat epic located in western Uttar Pradesh include, mound known as Uta Khera, mound of Raghunathji at Hastinapur, mound known as Lakhmandap at Barnawa and mound known as Parsuram Ka Khera at Alamgirpur. Conservation work of protected monuments is attended regularly as per the require- ment of the sites and availability of the resources and these are in a fairly good state of preservation. The protected sites are kept presentable with tourist facilities like pathways, signage, etc. for promotion of tourism.