

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3170
ANSWERED ON 15.03.2021

STATUS OF RAKHI GARHI

3170. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the last budget five iconic sites were identified to be developed, one of which was Rakhi Ghari, Hisar (Haryana);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the status of development on the said site; and
- (d) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred thereon?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) Yes Sir, in the union budget of 2020 it was announced that Five iconic archaeological sites located across five states will be developed. One of which is Rakhigarhi located in Hissar district, Haryana.
- (b) The ancient site of Rakhi-Khas and Rakhi-Shahpur are collectively known as Rakhigarhi, located on the right bank of now dried up Palaeo-channel of Drishadvati. Seven (07) mounds are located here. The site has yielded various stages of Harappan culture and is by far one of the largest Harappan sites in India. The site shows the sequential development of the Indus culture in the now dried up Saraswati basin.
- (c) For development of the sites and its environs, repairing of boundary wall, pathways, public amenities, solar lights, benches are being provided. Excavation is also proposed at the site to showcase the archaeological remains in a holistic manner.
- (d) The funds will be met out within ASI Budget allocations.

The expenditure for the current financial year 2020-2021 (Up to 08/03/2021) is Rs. 11,51,763.00/-
