

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 811
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2023

DISCOVERY OF ARTIFACTS RELATED TO KING SAMUDRAPALA

811. SHRI BRIJLAL

Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has discovered the idols of ancient deities, copper coins and utensils belonging to the period of King Samudrapala, probably 2024 years old, during the excavation of Ganga Expressway near Kot village falling under block Bisauli, district Badaun of the State of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government for the maintenance and protection of these historical heritage sites?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has not discovered any artifact. Based on a letter received from District Panchayat Raj Officer about discovery during the excavation of Ganga Expressway near Kot village, a team of archaeologists inspected the site. One stone sculpture found on the site is kept in the premises of the village temple.

Local administration has been requested that other objects unearthed during the digging may be handed over to the State Government.
