

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1606
ANSWERED ON – 03.08.2023

EXCAVATION IN NAULA GARH, BIHAR

1606#. SHRI RAKESH SINHA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Pal dynasty had played an important role in the socio-educational cultural upliftment in the history of India and its center has been found in Naula Garh of Begusarai, Bihar, if so, whether the steps are being taken to preserve this historical heritage for the future;
- (b) whether Government will consider further excavation by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in more than 100 acres of protected land; and
- (c) whether Government will consider requesting the ICHR for sending a team of historians to undertake study on this historical heritage?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has 70 Centrally Protected Monuments and Sites in the state of Bihar. The Naula Garh of Begusarai, Bihar is not a centrally protected monument under the jurisdiction of ASI. However, it is situated about 16 miles (25.75 Kms.) north of Begusarai town. The site was explored by G.D. College, Begusarai and the antiquities, such as Mauryan-Sunga terracotta, Gupta seals, sculptures, silver coins, etc. of the Pal period found in exploration are kept in the Archaeological Museum of G.D. College, Begusarai.
- (b) No such proposal is under consideration by ASI.
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- (c)
