

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.343
ANSWERED ON 28.11.2024

**SITES OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE ASSOCIATED WITH MAGADHA
EMPEROR CHANDRAGUPTA MAURYA AND EMPEROR ASHOKA**

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the list of sites of archaeological importance associated with Magadh Emperor Chandragupta Maurya and Emperor Ashoka and the number of sites that have been preserved so far;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Emperor Ashoka's Darbar Hall has been discovered in Kumhrar (Patna), Bihar but it is not being preserved and developed properly due to which the place has become a hub of anti-social elements; and
- (c) if so, whether Government proposes to make any action plan to preserve the said Darbar Hall, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The monuments, pillars, inscriptions and sites of archaeological importance associated with Magadh Emperor Chandragupta Maurya and Emperor Ashoka which are under care and maintenance of Archaeological Survey of India. Details thereof are at **Annexure**.
- (b)& Eighty pillared hall and other structures were excavated at Kumrahar, Patna. The site is
- (c) under care and maintenance of the Archaeological Survey of India.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.343 FOR 28.11.2024.

DETAILS OF MONUMENTS, PILLARS, INSCRIPTIONS AND SITE ASSOCIATED WITH MAGADH EMPEROR CHANDRAGUPTA MAURYA AND EMPEROR ASHOKA WHICH ARE UNDER CARE AND MAINTANANCE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA.

Andhra Pradesh	
1.	Prominent granite hillock bearing Asokan inscription, Kurnool, District Kurnool
2	Asokan Inscription, Rajulamandagiri, Kunool, District Kurnool
Bihar	
3	Ashoka column known as Laur pillar, Lauriya Areraj, District East Champaran
4	Ancient monolithic pillar known as Lat, Lat, District Jehanabad
5	Ashoka Column and other Remains at Kolhua, District Muzaffarpur
6	Site of the Palace of Ashoka and other Remains at Kumhrar, District Patna
7	Ashoka inscription on the Chandan Shahid hill, Ashikpur, District Rohtas
8	Three rock inscriptions (Adjacent to Tara Chandi temple), Sasaram, District Rohtas
9	Ashoka column, Lauriya Nandangarh, District West Champaran
10	Ashoka columns, Rampurwa, District West Champaran
Gujarat	
11	Ashokan Rock Edicts, Junagadh, District Junagadh
Chhattisgarh	
12	Jogimara Caves, Sarguja, District Sarguja
13	Sita-Bengra caves, Sarguja, District Sarguja
Haryana	
14	Pillar popularly known as Lat of Feroz Shah, Fatehabad, District Fatehabad
15	Pillar in the complex of Lat ki Masjid, Hissar, District Hissar
Karnataka	
16	Ashokan Inscriptions, Brahmagiri, District Chitradurga
17	Inscription near Jattingi Rameswara Temple, Rameswara Hill, Siddapura, District Chitradurga
18	Ashokan Inscription near Akka-Tangi Temple, Siddapura, District Chitradurga
19	Ancient Excavated site containing remains of Buddhist Stupa, Kanaganahalli, District Kalaburagi.
20	Ashokan Edict, Maski, District Raichur.
21	Inscriptions of Ashoka (R ock Edicts) Nittur, District Ballari.
22	Ashokan Inscription (Rock Edicts) Udayagolam, District Ballari.
23	Rock Edicts of Ashoka on two hillocks known as Gavimath and Palkigundu, Koppala, District Koppala
Madhya Pradesh	
24	Ashokan Pillar, Sanchi, District Raisen
25	Rock inscription of Ashoka, Gujjara, District Datia
26	Saru-Maru monastic complex alongwith comprised area, Panguraria,

	District Sehore
27	Rock edict of Ashokan, Rupnath, District Katni
28	Stupa, Deorkothar, District Rewa
N.C.T.OF Delhi	
29	Ashokan pillar, Ridge, Delhi
30	Ashokan pillan, Firoz Shah Kotla, Delhi
31	Ashokan Rock Edict, East of Kailash, Delhi
Odisha	
32	Rock inscription of Ashoka and the sculpture of elephant, Dhauli, District Khordha
33	Ashokan Rock Inscription, Pandya, District Ganjam
Rajasthan	
34	Excavated Site, Viratnagar, District Kotputli
Uttar Pradesh	
35	Asokan Stone Pillar within the complex of Allahabad Fort, Prayagraj District Prayagraj
36	Bhandari Devi ka Pahar containing Asokan inscription, Ahraurakhas, District Mirzapur
37	Ancient Buddhist site of Sarnath, District Varanasi
38	Elephant Capital, Sankisa, Dirstrict, Farrukhabad
Uttarakhand	
39	Ashokan Rock edict, Kalsi, District Dehradun
