

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-344
ANSWERED ON 28.11.2024**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY ON MAGADH EMPEROR JARASANDH JI
MAHARAJ**

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted by Archaeological Survey of India on Magadh Emperor Jarasandh Ji Maharaj of Mahabharat period, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the number of archaeological sites of Mahabharata period or related to Mahabharata situated in Bihar and the number of such sites preserved after being discovered, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) No Sir. No such survey has been conducted by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), on Magadh Emperor Jarasandh Ji Maharaj of Mahabharat period.
- (b) Two Centrally Protected Monuments namely; Jarasandh ka Akhada and Jarasandh ki Baithak in Rajgir, District- Nalanda are under the jurisdiction of ASI. However, these monuments are named based on legend and not on archaeological evidences. These Monuments are regularly kept in a fairly good state of preservation.
