

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 511**  
ANSWERED ON- 24.07.2025

**CULTURAL HERITAGE RELATED TO MAHABHARATA PERIOD AND  
MAHARAJA JARASANDH**

511# Dr. Bhim Singh:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government has initiated any survey or special scheme for identification, preservation and restoration of cultural heritage related to Mahabharata period history and Maharaja Jarasandh in Magadh region;

(b) if so, the works that have been implemented so far; and

(C) whether Government has launched any special project to prominently add these heritage sites on the national tourism map; if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has not initiated any survey or special scheme, as such.

However, names of a number of protected monuments and protected areas are associated with Mahabharata, such as Jarasandh ka Akhada and Jarasandh ki Baithak in Rajgir, District Nalanda, Bihar.

Maintenance of these protected monuments and areas is carried out by the ASI as per the need and availability of resources.

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