

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4295  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2016  
AGRAHAYANA 21, 1938 (SAKA)**

**EXCAVATIONS BY ASI IN BIHAR**

† 4295 SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount provided by the Government for carrying out the survey of archaeological sites and their comprehensive excavation in Bihar during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government is considering any special action plan for the excavation in Nalanda and Gaya, being rich archaeological sites in Bihar; and
- (c) if so, the amount proposed to be spent under the said schemes along with the time limit fixed for starting the said work?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) Yes, Madam. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) have conducted excavations at following sites in Bihar during the last three years:

Name of sites	Released/Utilized amount in lacs
1. Lauriya-Areraj, Distt. East Champaran 2013-14	12,90,264.00
2. Raja Bali Ka Garh, Balirajgarh, Distt. Madhubani 2013-14	15,00,000.00
3. Rukministhan, Distt. Nalanda 2014-15	9,09,676.00
4. Rukministhan Distt. Nalanda 2015-16	13,37,421.00
5. Papaur, Distt. Siwan 2015-16	2,89,273.00

- (b) At present no such proposal is under consideration of the Archaeological Survey of India.
- (c)