

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 42  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2017**

**FUNDS FOR EXCAVATION PROJECTS IN BIHAR**

†42. **SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR :**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total funds allocated for the survey of archaeological sites in Bihar and to carry out extensive excavation work at the said sites during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any special action plan for excavation in Nalanda and Gaya in Bihar which are considered very rich in archaeological heritage; and
- (c) if so, the funds allocated for the said schemes along with the time frame to start the said work?

**ANSWER**

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

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA )**

- (a) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has carried the excavation in Bihar at the following sites during the last three years:
  - 1. Rukministhan, South West of Ancient Nalanda University, District Nalanda, Bihar 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.
  - 2. Urain (Uren), Locality Block Surajgarjha (Suryagarha), District Lakhsaraki, Bihar 2016-2017.

Besides Village to Village Survey has also been carried in district Buxar in Bihar.

The total allocation during the last three year as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. In lakh)
2014-2015	26.25
2015-2016	35.00
2016-2017	28.18

- (b) At present ASI has not formulated any special action plan for excavation work & at Nalanda and Gaya in Bihar.

(c)