

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2260
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.01.2018**

DEVELOPMENT OF HERITAGE SITE IN TELHARA

† 2260. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the archaeological department has found antiques/artifacts in Telhara, Nalanda during excavation and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the archaeological department has conducted any study in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is formulating any scheme for development of the said heritage site in Telhara; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & MINISTER OF STATE
FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE.**

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Directorate of Archaeology, Art and Culture and Youth, Government of Bihar has carried out excavations at Telhara, District Nalanda, Bihar during the year 2009-2014 and recovered sculptures seal and sealing and other artefacts.
- (b) Directorate of Archaeology, Art and Culture and Youth, Government of Bihar has submitted a preliminary report on Telhara excavation. ASI has suggested to incorporate more details in the report.
- (c) Presently there is no such scheme under consideration by Archaeological Survey of & India.
- (d)