

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4977  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018**

**EXCAVATION WORK IN RAKHIGARHI**

**4977. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has undertaken excavation works in Rakhigarhi, Haryana and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government had to face opposition from local residents against the decision of ASI for relocating population for their excavation works;
- (c) If so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to undertake excavation works without disturbing the local residents of village Rakhigarhi, Haryana; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) Yes, Madam. The Archaeological Survey of India has undertaken excavation works at Rakhigarhi, District Hissar, Haryana between the years 1997-98 to 1999-2000.
- (b) Yes, Madam. 202 Notices have been issued by ASI against the encroachments within the & protected area of the site.
- (c)
- (d) Yes, Madam. Archaeological Survey of India is planning to conduct excavations at the site of & proposed museum at Rakhigahi without disturbing the local residents of village Rakhigarhi as the
- (e) proposed area for excavation is not occupied by the local villagers.