

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3201
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023

EXCAVATIONS AT RAKHIGARHI

3201. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the excavations carried out at Rakhigarhi (Haryana) for the setting up of the Harappan Cultural Museum;
- (b) the status of development of the Harappan Culture Museum in Rakhigarhi (Haryana);
- (c) whether the Government has identified and obtained all artefacts for the proposed museum, and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Archaeological excavations to understand the chronology and nature of the site were carried out at the ancient mounds at Rakhigarhi, Haryana in 1997 – 2000, 2013-16, 2021-22 and excavation is currently ongoing at Rakhigarhi by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

The Government of Haryana has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, and ASI for establishing a museum at Rakhigarhi.

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- (c) ASI has agreed to provide antiquities for the purpose of the museum as per the Act and also to provide technical support.
- (d) Collection of antiquities with ASI include metal objects, seals and sealings, terracotta figurines, raw materials, variety of beads, etc. and a large numbers of pottery.
