

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED: QUESTION NO.4356
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023

REDEVELOPMENT OF RAKHIGARHI SITE

4356. SHRIMATI SUNITA DUGGAL

Will the MINISTER OF CULTURE संस्कृति मंत्री be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has started work to redevelop the Rakhigarhi IVC site as Iconic Site;
- (b) if so, the redevelopment works accomplished tentatively and the details thereof;
- (c) whether any funds have been released to the State Government of Haryana to assist in the redevelopment project of the site and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the excavations by ASI at the site was carried out under expert supervision and as per international standards of excavation of historic sites and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has undertaken work to develop the Harappan site of Rakhigarhi as an 'Iconic Site'. The excavation at the site is an on-going process. The on-site museum to be developed by Government of Haryana with technical support of ASI is underway. The tentative time line for accomplishing this work is 2025.
- (c) No funds have been released to Haryana Government, till date.
- (d) The excavation at Rakhigarhi is being carried out under the supervision of senior archaeologists of ASI as per international standards.

For scientific investigation of the material culture, ASI is also collaborating with other organizations and experts.
