

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2156
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019**

EXCAVATION AT PURANA QUILA

2156. SHRI SANTOKH SINGH CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is excavating Purana Quila in Delhi to establish the site's association with the epic Mahabharata and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the previous excavations by ASI have failed to establish such a link and if so, the reasons for launching another excavation?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM
(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Question does not arise. .