

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2489
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021

EXCAVATION WORK IN NALANDA

†2489. **SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise details of the funds provided as central financial assistance to Bihar for the upkeep and maintenance of Nalanda and other historical heritages and the development of tourism in the State during the last five years;
- (b) whether excavation work is being carried out by the Government Archaeological Survey of India to discover other historical heritages in Nalanda, Bihar; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) The details of expenditure incurred for maintenance and conservation of protected monuments in Bihar including excavated remains at Nalanda during last five years are as under (approx. in lakh Rs):

2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
30129	41076	175	145	123

- (b) ASI carried out excavation at the site of Rukministhan, district Nalanda (Bihar) during field & season 2014-15 and 2015-16. The excavations revealed two phases of occupation affiliated to Gupta and Pala period. Besides, important structural findings include a small monastic complex, temple platform and votive stupa complex around the temple, *kirtimukha*, two statues of Buddha along with antiquarian materials such as beads, dices, gamesmen, stamps, sealing, amulet, mould, dabber, plaque, animal and human figurines, ear-lobe, spool, etc.
- (c)
