

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2122**  
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES OF MAGADH EMPIRE**

†2122 SHRI SANATAN PANDEY:  
SMT. VIJAYLAKSHMI DEVI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of sites of archaeological importance related to Magadh Emperors Chandragupta Maurya and Ashoka including the number of the sites protected out of the said list;
- (b) whether the Court Hall (Darbaar hall) linked to Emperor Ashoka has been discovered in Pataliputra, Bihar; and
- (c) if so, the details of the measures taken by the Government to preserve the said hall?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Details of the monuments, pillars, inscriptions and sites of archaeological importance associated with Magadh Emperor Chandragupta Maurya and Emperor Ashoka which are under care and maintenance of Archaeological Survey of India are at **Annexure** enclosed.
- (b) & Eighty pillared hall and other structures were excavated at Kumrahar, Patna.
- (c) The site is under care and maintenance of the Archaeological Survey of India.

**ANNEXURE****ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2122 FOR 09.12.2024.****DETAILS OF MONUMENTS, PILLARS, INSCRIPTIONS AND SITE ASSOCIATED WITH MAGADH EMPEROR CHANDRAGUPTA MAURYA AND EMPEROR ASHOKA WHICH ARE UNDER CARE AND MAINTANANCE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA.**

| <b>Andhra Pradesh</b> |   |
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| 1.                    | Prominent granite hillock bearing Asokan inscription, Kurnool, District Kurnool                   |
| 2                     | Asokan Inscription, Rajulamandagiri, Kunool, District Kurnool                                     |
| <b>Bihar</b>          |   |
| 3                     | Ashoka column known as Laur pillar, Lauriya Areraj, District East Champaran                       |
| 4                     | Ancient monolithic pillar known as Lat, Lat, District Jehanabad                                   |
| 5                     | Ashoka Column and other Remains at Kolhua, District Muzaffarpur                                   |
| 6                     | Site of the Palace of Ashoka and other Remains at Kumhrar, District Patna                         |
| 7                     | Ashoka inscription on the Chandan Shahid hill, Ashikpur, District Rohtas                          |
| 8                     | Three rock inscriptions (Adjacent to Tara Chandi temple), Sasaram, District Rohtas                |
| 9                     | Ashoka column, Lauriya Nandangarh, District West Champaran  |
| 10                    | Ashoka columns, Rampurwa, District West Champaran   |
| <b>Gujarat</b>        |   |
| 11                    | Ashokan Rock Edicts, Junagadh, District Junagadh  |
| <b>Chhattisgarh</b>   |   |
| 12                    | Jogimara Caves, Sarguja, District Sarguja   |
| 13                    | Sita-Bengra caves, Sarguja, District Sarguja  |
| <b>Haryana</b>        |   |
| 14                    | Pillar popularly known as Lat of Feroz Shah, Fatehabad, District Fatehabad                        |
| 15                    | Pillar in the complex of Lat ki Masjid, Hissar, District Hissar                                   |
| <b>Karnataka</b>      |   |
| 16                    | Ashokan Inscriptions, Brahmagiri, District Chitradurga  |
| 17                    | Inscription near Jattingi Rameswara Temple, Rameswara Hill, Siddapura, District Chitradurga       |
| 18                    | Ashokan Inscription near Akka-Tangi Temple, Siddapura, District Chitradurga                       |
| 19                    | Ancient Excavated site containing remains of Buddhist Stupa, Kanaganahalli, District Kalaburagi   |
| 20                    | Ashokan Edict, Maski, District Raichur  |
| 21                    | Inscriptions of Ashoka (Rock Edicts) Nittur, District Ballari                                     |
| 22                    | Ashokan Inscription (Rock Edicts) Udayagolam, District Ballari.                                   |
| 23                    | Rock Edicts of Ashoka on two hillocks known as Gavimath and Palkigundu, Koppala, District Koppala |

| <b>Madhya Pradesh</b> |   |
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| 24                    | Ashokan Pillar, Sanchi, District Raisen   |
| 25                    | Rock inscription of Ashoka, Gujjara, District Datia                                     |
| 26                    | Saru-Marua monastic complex alongwith comprised area, Panguraria, District Sehore       |
| 27                    | Rock edict of Ashokan, Rupnath, District Katni  |
| 28                    | Stupa, Deorkothar, District Rewa  |
| <b>N.C.T.OF Delhi</b> |   |
| 29                    | Ashokan pillar, Ridge, Delhi  |
| 30                    | Ashokan pillan, Firoz Shah Kotla, Delhi   |
| 31                    | Ashokan Rock Edict, East of Kailash, Delhi  |
| <b>Odisha</b>         |   |
| 32                    | Rock inscription of Ashoka and the sculpture of elephant, Dhauli, District Khordha      |
| 33                    | Ashokan Rock Inscription, Pandya, District Ganjam                                       |
| <b>Rajasthan</b>      |   |
| 34                    | Excavated Site, Viratnagar, District Kotputli   |
| <b>Uttar Pradesh</b>  |   |
| 35                    | Asokan Stone Pillar within the complex of Allahabad Fort, Prayagraj, District Prayagraj |
| 36                    | Bhandari Devi ka Pahar containing Asokan inscription, Ahraurakhas, District Mirzapur    |
| 37                    | Ancient Buddhist site of Sarnath, District Varanasi                                     |
| 38                    | Elephant Capital, Sankisa, Dirstrict, Farrukhabad                                       |
| <b>Uttarakhand</b>    |   |
| 39                    | Ashokan Rock edict, Kalsi, District Dehradun  |

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