

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †929**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024

**PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE OF MAHABHARATA AGE**

†929. SHRI ARUN GOVIL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the plan of the Government to preserve and promote the art and culture in Hastinapur, Meerut; and
- (b) the measures taken by the Government so far to preserve the cultural heritage of Mahabharata age period?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has a protected site in Hastinapur, Meerut which & was declared by the Union Government as one of the five 'Iconic Sites' in 2021-22.
- (b) Conservation and Development works within the site viz, construction of pathways connecting the site with the main road, parking, development of gardens and provision of essential public amenities has been taken up in the recent past. Archaeological Excavations were also conducted at Hastinapur site in the year 2021-22 and 2022-23 and a photo exhibition on the excavation and the findings has been displayed at the site. Encroachments from the sites have also been removed.

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