

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. †*324
ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025

PROPOSAL FOR CHAMPARAN MUSEUM IN LAURIYA, VALMIKI NAGAR

†*324 SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many cultural heritage sites exist in Valmiki Nagar of Bihar such as Valmiki Ashram, Mata Nardevi Temple, Jatashankar Dham, Kauleshwar Nath Temple, very ancient ruins of the Mauryan Empire, etc.;
- (b) whether the cultural heritage sites in Valmiki Nagar also include the very old Buddhist pillar of Lauriya along with the temples of Maharishi Bharthari and Kali Mata in Ramnagar;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to set up Champaran Museum in Lauriya under Valmiki Nagar Parliamentary Constituency; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA
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KUMAR: HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING PROPOSAL FOR
CHAMPARAN MUSEUM IN LAURIYA, VALMIKI NAGAR.**

- (a) Valmiki Ashram, Mata Nardevi Temple, Jatashankar Dham and Kauleshwar Nath Temple are not protected monuments under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). However, there are seven monuments and archaeological sites declared as of national importance in the district West Champaran of Bihar. Their details are as under:
1. Ruined fortress at Chankigarh
 2. Asokan column at Lauriya Nandangarh
 3. Vedic burial mounds at Lauriya Nandangarh
 4. Ruined fortress at Marhia
 5. Vedic burial mounds at Marhia
 6. Vedic burial mounds at Pakri
 7. Ashokan column at Rampurwa
- (b) Ashokan Column at Lauriya Nandangarh in district West Champaran is a protected monument and looked after by ASI. However, temples of Maharishi Bharthari and Kali Mata in Ramnagar are not declared protected.
- (c) No such proposal is under consideration at present.
- (d) Question does not arise.
