

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†146**  
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025

**INCLUSION OF TWO ASHOKA PILLARS FROM BIHAR IN THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST OF UNESCO**

†146. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:

Will the Minister of **CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that two Ashoka pillars of Rampurna Awan Lauriya in West Champaran, Bihar have been included in the World Heritage list by the UNESCO;
- (b) if so, whether any arrangement has been made to maintain these two Ashoka pillars and to inform the tourists;
- (c) whether it is true that one part of the Ashoka pillar has been kept in the museum in Kolkata and another part has been kept in the Rashtrapati Bhawan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to build a museum in the Valmiki Nagar Lok Sabha Constituency to keep these pillars safe at one place?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) No, Sir. The Ashokan pillars of Rampurva and Lauriya Nandangarh in West Champaran have not yet been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. However, these two pillar edicts have been included in the Tentative List of UNESCO under the title "Serial Nomination for Ashokan Edict Sites along the Mauryan Routes."
- (b) These pillars are protected and conserved from time to time, as required, by the Archaeological Survey of India and are in good state of conservation and preservation.
- (c) No, Sir. The Lion Capital and Bull Capital of the Rampurva pillars have been kept in & the Indian Museum, Kolkata and Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi respectively.
- (d) At present, there is no proposal to develop a museum at the site.
- (e)

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