

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2372
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025

DEVELOPMENT OF VALMIKI ASHRAM AND BANSIDHAM

†2372. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Ashram of Maharshi Valmiki is located at Valmiki Nagar adjoining Nepal border characterized by the birthplace of Luv Kush;
- (b) whether it is also true that the historic Bansidham is located along the border of West Champaran district of Bihar and Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh bearing the distinction of housing the wedding party of lord Shri Ram as per the mythology where a fare is organized every year by the Government on account of Kartik Purnima;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to remove dirt from the Bansi river to flow water in normal course and construct the stairs on its bank at Bansidham under any scheme; and
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to develop Valmiki Nagar and Bansidham by connecting them with Ramayan circuit

ANSWER

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

- (a)& (b) Ashram of Maharshi Valmiki and Bansidham are not protected as a monument of national importance under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Government of India.
- (c)& (d) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Ministry of Culture.
