

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*238.
ANSWERED ON 09.03.2026

PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL SITES IN KOTILINGALA

238. SHRI VAMSI KRISHNA GADDAM

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to preserve the ancient Satavahana-era artifacts discovered at Kotilingala and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilised for excavation, preservation and conservation of archaeological remains in Kotilingala during the last five years and the current year;
- (c) the details of the measures taken/being taken to promote Kotilingala as a historical tourism site, including details of infrastructure development, signage, accessibility and awareness campaigns by the Government or allied agencies; and
- (d) the role and involvement of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in preserving and protecting the cultural, religious and historical significance of the Kotilingala site?

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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GADDAM: HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING PRESERVATION
OF HISTORICAL SITES IN KOTILINGALA**

- (a) The Kotilingala site is under the protection of the Department of Heritage, Telangana. The department has conducted excavation at Kotilingala during the year 1979-1983 and unearthed structures like Chaitya Grihas, Vihara Complex, brick structures and antiquities include coins, pottery, iron objects, beads of semi-precious stones and terracotta, shell bangles, inscriptions, etc., that are preserved by the department.
- (b) The Department of Heritage, Telangana has not allocated any fund for excavation, preservation, and conservation of archaeological remains in Kotilingala during the last five years and the current year.
- (c) The department has published a report on Kotilingala excavation 1979-1983 and has brought publication on Kotilingala coins. It has also conducted guest lecturers, seminars, especially on Kotilingala. To create the awareness, the department has displayed the unearth antiquities at District Archaeological Museum, Karimnagar, and Centenary Archaeological Museum and Directorate Office, Gunfoundry, Hyderabad. The Department of Heritage, Telangana, has provided infrastructure development work near Sri Sundareshwara Swami Temple adjoining to the Kotilingala site.
- (d) The Kotilingala is not declared as of national importance and hence the Archaeological Survey of India is not involved in its maintenance. Being protected by the Department of Heritage, Telangana, the department is preserving and protecting the cultural, religious, and historical significance of the site.
