

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 136
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2015
AGRAHAYANA 9, 1937 (SAKA)

DISPLAY OF BUDDHIST RELICS IN ODISHA TO TOURISTS

136. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

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

- (a) whether the relic caskets found from the main stupa of Lalitgiri in the year 1985-87 by the Archaeological Survey of India, Bhubaneswar Circle, shall be displayed in a museum of importance in Odisha to promote tourism in East India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND
MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION**

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. In order to promote tourism in Eastern India, the relic caskets found from the main stupa of Lalitgiri in the year 1985-87 by the Bhubaneswar Circle, Archaeological Survey of India, shall be displayed at the Archaeological Site Museum, Lalitgiri, which is under construction, once the museum building becomes operational.
- (c) Question does not arise.
