

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3587
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2015
AGRAHAYANA 30, 1937 (SAKA)**

IDENTIFICATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE IN KAUSHAMBI

† 3587. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified any archaeological site in Kaushambi in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government for the development of the said site;
- (c) the distance from the said site identified as restricted area within which construction and sale and purchase of land is prohibited ;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to connect Kaushambi with the Buddha circuit; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Yes, Madam. The following monuments in Kaushambi, Uttar Pradesh have been declared & protected and are preserved by the Archaeological Survey of India.
- (b)
 1. Fort attributed to Jay Chandra, Karra Tehsil- Sirathu, District Kaushambi
 2. The ancient fortress, Kosam, Tehsil Manjhampur, District Kaushambi
 3. Artificial cave in the fane of the hill of Pabhosa, Tehsil- Manjhampur, District Kaushambi
 4. Traces of a large brick building on the summit of Pabhosa hill, Pabhosa, Tehsil- Manjhampur, District Kaushambi

The conservation work on these monuments is attended regularly depending upon the need of repairs as well as availability of resources and they are in a good state of preservation.

- (c) As per Ancient Monument Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958, an area of 100 mtrs. from protected boundary has been declared as prohibited area and an area of 200 mtrs. further beyond prohibited limit has been declared as regulated area, in which construction activities are regulated. New constructions are not allowed in prohibited area. However, there is no restriction on sale and purchase of land.
- (d) No, Madam. As far as Kaushambi is concerned it has not been proposed to connect it with the Buddhist circuit so far.
- (e)

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