

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 168
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.04.2016
VAISAKHA 5, 1938 (SAKA)

RELIC CASKET OF LALITGIRI

168. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received a request from the Government of Odisha to temporarily store the relic caskets found from Lalitgiri in the Odisha State Museum and subsequently permanently at a structure that may be build at Lalitgiri;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has accepted these requests and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(Dr. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Yes, Madam. The Government of Odisha had requested for loaning of sacred to Buddhist Relics recovered from excavated site Lalitgiri.
- (d) Local people of Lalitgiri also demanded to construct a museum building at Lalitgiri to display the associated antiquities.
At present the construction work is in progress by CPWD.