

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.959**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.2.2025

**DEVELOPMENT OF HASTINAPUR**

+959. SHRI CHANDAN CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering any plans to develop the Hastinapur area as a pilgrimage site and cultural heritage in view of its mythological importance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of special tourism and promotional activities being undertaken to promote Hastinapur tourism along with the extent of success achieved from these activities; and
- (d) if no such action plan has been formulated the reasons, thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a)&(b) There is a protected area namely “Mound known as Ulta Khera and the Mound of Raghunathji” at Hastinapur which is declared as of national importance. Development works within the site viz, construction of pathways connecting the site with the main road, parking, development of gardens and provision of public amenities have been taken up in the recent past. Archaeological Excavations were also conducted at Hastinapur site in the year 2021-22 by Archaeological Survey of India and a photo exhibition showcasing the excavation and the findings is on display at the site.
- (c)&(d) An announcement was made in the Union Budget 2020-21 to develop Hastinapur as ‘Iconic Site’ with on-site museum.

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