

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 130
ANSWERED ON-01.12.2025

EXCAVATION AND CONSERVATION IN NALANDA

† 130. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing adequate funds and resources to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for archaeological excavations and conservation work in Nalanda;
- (b) whether the Government has formed a team of experienced archaeologists, draftsman, surveyors and cinematographer for the said works;
- (c) whether it is a fact that involvement of local communities in the said works will provide employment to local people alongwith enabling them to participate in the preservation of their heritage;
- (d) whether Nalanda can be developed as a major tourist destination through these archaeological excavation and conservation works for preservation of archaeological sites; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reason therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Yes sir, Government is providing adequate funds and resources to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for archaeological excavations and conservation work in Nalanda.
- (b) Yes sir, ASI has a well experienced team for excavation and conservation work.
- (c) Yes sir, the involvement of local communities in excavations and conservation work provide employment to local people alongwith enabling them to participate in the preservation of their heritage.
- (d) and(e) Nalanda is a major tourist destination through ongoing conservation work and archaeological excavations. Nalanda is a world heritage site since 2010.
