

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4251  
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ASHOKAN ROCK EDICTS IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the present condition of Ashokan Rock Edict at Potagarh in Orissa is in a deplorable state;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the amount of funds likely to be spent for the restoration of rock edicts?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a)&(b) There is no Ashokan Rock Edict at Potagarh in Orissa protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). However, an Ashokan Rock Edict at Jaugada in Ganjam District of the State is protected by the ASI. It is in good state of preservation.
- (c) Rs. 1.25 lakhs has been provisioned during the current financial year for some restoration work at the monument.