

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1133
ANSWERED ON-10.02.2025

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS IN BRAJ REGION

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is emphasizing on more and more archaeological excavations to understand the ancient culture of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Braj is a very important region from the point of view of Indian culture but very little archaeological excavation has been done in the region; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) regularly conducts archaeological excavations to understand the ancient culture of the country. The details of the archaeological excavations conducted by the ASI across the country during the last ten years are given at **Annexure-I**.

(c) and (d) ASI has conducted several archaeological excavations in Braj region. The details of excavations conducted in this region are given at **Annexure-II**.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) and (b) OF LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1133 FOR 10.02.2025.

DETAILS OF EXCAVATIONS CARRIED OUT BY ASI FROM 2015-16 to 2024-25:

S. no.	Name of Site	Year
1.	Adichanallur and cluster of sites, Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu	2021-22 and 2022-23
2.	Ajatshatru ka Qila Maidan/ New Rajgriha, Bihar	2023-24
3.	Asurgarh, Kalahandi, Odisha	2018-19
4.	Bahaj, Deeg, Rajasthan	2023-24
5.	Barabati Fort, Cuttack, Odisha	2023-24
6.	Barnauli ki Dhai, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh	2021-22
7.	Barnawa, Uttar Pradesh	2017-18
8.	Bewan, Neem ka Thana, Rajasthan	2022-23
9.	Bhadiswar, Birbhum, West Bengal	2024-25
10.	Bharati Huda, Cuttack, Odisha	2017-18
11.	Bharatpur, Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal	2022-23
12.	Bhimbetka, Raisen, Madhya Pradesh	2023-24
13.	Bibi-Ka-Maqbara, Aurangabad, Maharashtra	2021-22 to 2023-24
14.	Binjore, Rajasthan	2015-16 and 2016-17
15.	Brahmagiri, Chitradurga, Karnataka	2024-25
16.	Buddhist stupa, Kesariya, East Champaran, Bihar	2023-24
17.	Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu	2024-25
18.	Choskor, Gangles, Ladakh	2015-16
19.	Dum Dum Mound, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal	2022-23
20.	Eran, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh	2019-20 and 2020-21
21.	Erich, Uttar Pradesh	2018-19
22.	Gorakshana Mound, Gaurisagar, Sibsagar, Assam	2022-23
23.	Gottiprolu, Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore, Andhra Pradesh	2018-19 and 2019-20
24.	Group of temples Bateswar, Morena, Madhya Pradesh	2022-23
25.	Gunja, Mehsana, Gujarat	2018-19
26.	Halebidu, Hassan, Karnataka	2020-21
27.	Harinagar, Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh	2016-17
28.	Janampet, Badrari Kothagudam, Telangana	2018-19
29.	Jangalasthan ka Tila, Bhagalpur, Bihar	2023-24
30.	Jharhiamba, Angul, Odisha	2017-18
31.	Kachhwa, Hamirpur, Uttar Pradesh	2024-25
32.	Kalibanga, Hanumangarh, Rajasthan	2019-20 and 2020-21
33.	Karti-Wdre, Jammu and Kashmir	2024-25
34.	Kaserua Khera, Palwal, Haryana	2022-23 and 2023-24
35.	Keeladi, Sivaganga, Tamil Nadu	2015-16 and 2016-17
36.	Kesariya, East Champaran, Bihar	2018-19

37.	Kodumanal, Erode, Tamil Nadu	2017-18
38.	Kodumbalur, Tamil Nadu	2024-25
39.	Kohla, Nagpur, Maharashtra	2023-24
40.	Kurisarai, Gaya, Bihar	2021-22
41.	Kushan Stupa known as Jarasandha Ka Qila, Asandh, Haryana	2023-24 and 2024-25
42.	Lagundi Hills, Jajpur, Odisha	2019-20 and 2020-21
43.	Mahurjhari, Nagpur, Maharashtra	2019-20 and 2020-21
44.	Man Singh Palace, Gwalior Fort, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh	2022-23
45.	Nachna Kuthara, Panna, Madhya Pradesh	2023-24
46.	Nara Huda, Khurda, Odisha	2021-22 to 2023-24
47.	Obra, Chatra, Jharkhand	2022-23
48.	Ojiyana, Bhilwara, Rajasthan	2022-23
49.	Palace and temple complex at Navratangarh, Gumla, Jharkhand	2023-24
50.	Pan Supari Bazar, Kamalapura, Karnataka	2021-22, 2022-23 and 2024-25
51.	Papur, Siwan, Bihar	2016-17
52.	Parabhadi (Sukhuapada), Cuttack, Odisha	2022-23
53.	Pattanam, Ernakulam, Kerala	2023-24
54.	Phubgaon, Amaravati, Maharashtra	2017-18 and 2018-19
55.	Purana Qila, Delhi	2017-18, 2019-20, and 2022-23
56.	Raigad fort, Raigad, Maharashtra	2017-18
57.	Rakhigarhi, Hisar, Haryana	2018-19 and 2020-21 to 2024-25
58.	Ramtal, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh	2015-16
59.	Ratnagiri, Odisha	2024-25
60.	Rithi-Rajna, Nagpur, Maharashtra	2017-18
61.	Rukministhan, Nalanda, Bihar	2016-17
62.	Sakatpur, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh	2016-17
63.	Sari Deul, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	2021-22
64.	Sarwal, Patan, Gujarat	2023-24
65.	Saser, Nubra, Indian Side of Karakoram, Leh, Ladakh	2015-16
66.	Shakra Tila, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh	2017-18
67.	Sinauli, Uttar Pradesh	2017-18 and 2018-19
68.	Sitagarha, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand	2019-20 to 2021-22
69.	St. Augustine Tower, Old Goa, Goa	2022-23
70.	Suabarei, Puri, Odisha	2015-16
71.	Taranga, Mehsana, Gujarat	2018-19
72.	Tewar, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh	2020-21 and 2021-22
73.	Thed Mound, Sirsa, Haryana	2018-19 to 2020-21
74.	Thiruvanchikulum, Thrissur, Kerala	2016-17
75.	Tibba Taliana, Jinder Mehlu Village, Jammu and Kashmir	2020-21

76.	Tilwara Sakin, Uttar Pradesh	2024-25
77.	Ultakhera, Hastinapur, Uttar Pradesh	2021-22
78.	Uren, Lakhisarai, Bihar	2016-17 to 2018-19
79.	Vadakupattu, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu	2022-23 and 2023-24
80.	Vadnagar, Mehsana, Gujarat	2015-16 to 2021-22
81.	Vangchhia, Champhai, Mizoram	2017-18 and 2018-19
82.	Vihar, Gandhinagar, Gujarat	2021-22 to 2022-23

ANNEXURE-II

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DETAILS OF EXCAVATIONS CARRIED OUT IN BRAJ REGION BY ASI:

S.No.	Name of the Site	Years
1.	Katra Mound, Mathura	1954-55 and 1973-74
2.	Khalaua, Agra	1965-66
3.	Sonkh, Mathura	1966-67, 1968-69 to 1972-73
4.	Katra Mound, Tila, Hathi Tila, Mathura	1974-75
5.	Katra Mound, Kankali Tila, Hathi Tila, Mathura	1975-76 and 1976-77
6.	Batesvara, Agra	1975-76
7.	Rambagh	1976-77
8.	Fathehpur Sikri, Agra	1976-77 to 1988-89
9.	Sadhwara Khera, Agra	1991-92
10.	Mehtab Bagh, Agra	1993-94, 1996-97
11.	Bir Chhabili Tila, Fathehpur Sikiri, Agra	1999-2000
12.	Barnauli Ki Dhari, Mathura	2021-22
13.	Bahej, Deeg	2023-24
