

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3211
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SETTING UP OF A SITE MUSEUM AT VADNAGAR, GUJARAT

3211 SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to set up a new museum at Vadnagar which has been extensively excavated for the last more than five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the agency which has been entrusted to set up the museum and the expenditure likely to be incurred;
- (c) whether the required land, building design and display plan for the objects have been completed; and
- (d) whether similar site museums have also been planned at other important archaeological sites in different parts of the country which have been extensively excavated?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) to (d) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is conducting archaeological excavations at Vadnagar, District Mehsana, Gujarat. Excavated remains are preserved for showcasing uninterrupted chronology of 2500 years of Vadnagar and make them accessible to visitors.

Government of Gujarat has engaged expert agency to develop an experiential museum on the site.

ASI regularly explores the prospects to develop new museum on or near important sites.
