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PUBLICATION OF EXCAVATION EXPLORATION REPORTS BY ASI
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sites explored or excavated by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) since independence ;
- (b) the number of reports published on the completion of excavation work so far ;
- (c) whether these reports are not comprehensive ;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor ;
- (e) the number of reports still pending for publication ;
- (f) the reason for non-publication of these reports; and
- (g) the time by which these reports are likely to be brought out ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (g) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has conducted excavations at 257 sites in India since independence, and mandatory reports on them have been duly published in the ASI annual reports titled `Indian Archaeology : A Review` (IAR), brought out upto 1994 - 1995. The remaining reports are at different stages of printing, editing or compilation. However, 34 comprehensive reports and 12 reports on specific categories of excavated materials have been published. Detailed comprehensive research papers or books have also been brought out by several excavators.

The reasons for delay in publications are due to the technical nature of the report involving scientific analysis of excavated material by several experts/agencies, detailed documentation and preparation of illustrations. It will therefore not be possible to indicate a specific time - frame for the completion of pending reports.