

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4214

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EXCAVATION UNDER BHARTIYA PURATATVA SARVEKSHAN VIRASHAD PARIYOJNA

Ahmad Shri Ateeq

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether excavation work has been undertaken at certain places under 'Bhartiya Puratatva Sarvekshan Virashad Pariyojna';
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount spent on this project so far; and
- (d) the evidence found so far to establish the existence of Saraswati river?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE(SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a) No excavation work has been undertaken under 'Bhartiya Puratatva Sarvekshan Virashad Pariyojna'.
- (b) & (c) Question does not arise.
- (d) No evidence to establish river Sarasvati has been found so far.