

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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MICROFILMING OF HISTORICAL ITEMS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the historical items (like coins, etc.) unearthed from various parts of the country during the last three years;
- (b) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to protect these historical items;
- (c) whether the Government is considering any proposal for microfilming of these historical articles to enable the students to view the same;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken in this regard; and
- (e) the amount allocated for this purpose?

Answer

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

- (a) The details of the historical items recovered during the last three years in excavations is enclosed at Annexure.
- (b) The items/antiquities are properly accessioned, documented and preserved in safe custody in the respective offices of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- (c) At present there is no such proposal with ASI for microfilming the historical articles. However, whenever there is a request from any students for studying the historical items these are made available.
- (d) & (e) Do not arise