

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION WORKS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to strengthen the archaeological excavation works in the country, State-wise, including Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of archaeological excavation works carried out, State-wise including in Bihar during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the stage of excavation taken up near Fatehpur Sikri; and
- (e) the mechanism to monitor the progress of such excavation, State-wise, including in Rajasthan and Maharashtra at Vidharbha in particular?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has been working to strengthen the archaeological excavation works in the country including Bihar.
- (c) The details of the excavations carried out by the (ASI) during the last three years and current field season is enclosed at Annexure.
- (d) No excavation work has been taken up near Fatehpur Sikri, during last three years.
- (e) Wherever the excavation work is taken up, technical official are deputed to the respective excavation sites for constant monitoring of the excavation and submit periodic reports.