

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NEW ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new discoveries and excavation made by Archaeological Survey of India regarding historical monuments/ heritages sites, State-wise and location –wise during the last three years and current year;
- (b) whether the Government proposed to allocate more funds for the renovation and maintenance of centrally protected monuments/heritages sites in order to enhance tourists activities in the country;
- (c) If so, the details thereof, State-wise and monument-wise/heritage site-wise; and
- (d) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) The details of the new discoveries and excavations carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) during the last three years and current field season are enclosed at Annexure I & II, respectively.
- (b),(c) & (d) The funds for renovation and maintenance of centrally protected monuments/heritages sites are allotted as per requirements in order to enhance tourists activities. There is no such proposal with ASI for allocation of more funds to enhance the tourist activities in the country.