

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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EXCAVATION AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of excavation and exploration activities undertaken during the last three years alongwith the new discoveries of historical items in this regard;
- (b) the measures taken to ensure that the time schedule prescribed for each of the excavation work is adhered to;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to develop new scientific methods to preserve and conserve the heritage sites; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**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) are enclosed at Annexure-I.
- (b): The information is enclosed at Annexure-II.
- (c) & (d): The development of new scientific methods to preserve and conserve the heritage sites is a continuous research process in the discipline of Archaeology. Whenever such methods are developed, they are immediately incorporated in the practice of conservation and preservation of heritage sites.