

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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EXCAVATION OF TEMPLES HISTORICAL SITES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to excavate and restore temples submerged in lakes/ rivers in various States of the country; and

(b) the details of such temples/historical sites, State-wise and circle-wise and the progress made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a): Yes, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has only one proposal of Superintending Archaeologist, ASI, Vadodara Circle, Vadodara for a historical site by name Venivadar in District Amreli (Gujarat) which has been submerged in the waters of Vadi Dam in order to retrieve its artifacts.

(b): Proposal of 15 temples having potentiality was received from the Government of Himachal Pradesh, for transplantation of fifteen temples during the year 2005 they have been documented. Further, ASI has examined the proposal and communicated to the State Government its readiness to provide necessary technical assistance for transplantation of 15 temples /historical sites submerged or liable to be submerged in the lakes/river.