

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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STARRED QUESTION NO:272

ANSWERED ON:13.12.2011

DISCOVERIES OF NEW SITES AND INSCRIPTIONS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The salient features of the policy adopted by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) with regard to archaeological excavations and epigraphical studies in the country ;
- (b) The notable new discoveries including historical sites and inscriptions unearthed by the ASI while undertaking excavation and exploration activities during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) Whether the Government has carried out survey, documentation and deciphering of the said inscription including those related to Tamil and Telugu languages; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof, State and language-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) STARRED QUESTION NO. 272 FOR 13.12.2011 "DISCOVERIES OF NEW SITES AND INSCRIPTIONS" BY SHRI PONNAM PRABHAKAR, SHRI SHIVASAMI C, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

- (a) The salient features of the policy adopted by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) are enclosed at Annexure-I.
- (b) The details of the excavations carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) are enclosed at Annexure-II.
- (c) & (d) The details of the notable Inscription copied during the last three years are enclosed at are enclosed at Annexure-III.