

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4290
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2011
NOC BY ASI
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has given a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for construction of a fishing harbour at Poompuhar in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, whether the ASI had conducted archaeological investigations/data collection in the proposed harbour construction site; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the findings of the said investigations?

Answer

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

(a)to(c)Permission for the construction of proposed fishing harbour at Poomphuar was given to the Commissioner, Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamilnadu, Chennai on 14.1.2011 with certain conditions based on the offshore and onshore investigation conducted by the team from National Institute of Oceanography and the Underwater Archaeology Wing of ASI from 6th to 8th September, 2010, as the proposed site of construction was free from any archaeological evidence. The proposed site was neither falling in prohibited area nor the regulated area of any centrally protected monument.