

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROSPECTION TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has adopted cutting edge technologies for archaeological prospection in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor alongwith the constraints faced by the ASI in this regard; and
- (d) the steps being taken to incorporate state of the art technology in the said field across the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) with the help of scientific institutions like Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorke, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur; carried out preliminary GPR survey at Lalkot, New Delhi, Ahichchhatra, District Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh and Dholavira and Juni Kuran both in District Kutch, Gujarat respectively. ASI also carried out offshore investigation, using latest sonar equipments, with the help of Indian Navy.
- (c) Question does not arise.
- (d) ASI has formed a National Level Committee for establishing an Archaeological Sciences Laboratory for carrying out state of the art investigations which include equipment for prospection.