

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RESTRUCTURING OF ASI
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering a major restructuring of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to address the issues of low pay scale and status to attract the best minds in the field of history and archaeology;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the restructuring process is likely to be started?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The Study team appointed for the purpose has submitted its report which includes creation of 4 additional posts of Additional Director General, 18 additional posts of Joint Director General, strengthening of all wings of ASI like monument, conservation, exploration & excavation, epigraphy, chemistry branch, horticulture branch, strengthening of administrative and financial set up of ASI and strengthening of the Institute of Archaeology by suitably enhanced manpower.
- (c) The pay scale and status (grade) of the employees of ASI are as prevailing in other Government Departments.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) The Government is already in the process of restructuring of ASI.