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HISTORICAL DISCOVERIES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that bedrock on which Neolithic man sharpened stone tools had been found in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether many such historical discoveries have been made in various parts of the country including Tamil Nadu during the last few years; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken for their preservation, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Along with grooves on bed rock, stone tools were discovered during exploration at Keezanur on the Javadi hills 5 km. north Pudurnadu in Tiruppattur taluk of Vellore District by a researcher under UGC Special Assistance Programme from the Department of History, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu.
- (c) & (d) Similar tool-sharpening grooves were also found during the excavation work carried out in Kurugodu, (Budhikolla) Bellary district, Karnataka in the exploration by the Archaeological Survey of India. These grooves on the bed rock at the site are well preserved and are not removable from the site.