

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS AND EPIGRAPHICAL STUDIES

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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 state/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has carried out survey, documentation and deciphering of the said inscriptions including those related to Tamil, Telugu and other languages; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT and language- wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE ( SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH )

- (a) The details policy adopted by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on archaeological exploration, excavation and epigraphical studies are enclosed at Annexure-I
- (b),(c)& (d) The details of the exploration / excavations carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) during the last three years and the current field season where the inscriptions were recovered are enclosed at Annexure-II.