

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REMAINS OF HARAPPAN CIVILISATION
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has identified some of the historical Harappan sites in some parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the items which were discovered on excavation during the last three years;
- (c) whether ASI could not undertake excavation works due to inadequate allocation of funds and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is proposed to undertake the process in the coming years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a)&(b) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has identified Harappan sites in Haryana, Punjab, Western UP, Rajasthan and Gujarat. Out of these ASI has carried out excavation works at the following Harappan sites during the last three years:

1. Khirsara, District Kachchh, Gujarat
2. Rupar, District Rupnagar, Punjab
3. Karanpura, District Hanumangarh, Rajasthan
4. Binjore, District Ganganagar, Rajasthan

The details of the items discovered on excavation are at Annexure.

(c) Archaeological Survey of India provides sufficient funds to the Excavation Branches of ASI for carrying out excavation works.

(d)&(e) The excavation work at the ancient mounds of Binjore, District Ganganagar, Rajasthan during the field season 2014-2015 is in progress and most likely to continue in the next field season also.