

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN IIT AND ASI
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has entered into an agreement with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur to introduce various scientific applications in archaeology for capacity building of ASI officers in scientific methodologies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to set up a National Centre for Archaeological Sciences and Technology in its Campus; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Madam. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and IIT, Kanpur entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on 5th February, 2007 for short and long term training programmes for capacity building in the application of modern technology in archaeology. Under this MoU, three modules, viz., Plane Surveying and Global Positioning System (GPS), Geographical Information System (GIS) and Archaeomaterials have been approved for training.

(c)&(d) A Centre for Archaeological Sciences and Technologies (CAST) has been established in IIT, Kanpur in January, 2008. The objective of this Centre is to facilitate multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary research and development activities to strengthen development of science and technology in archaeological applications and cultural resource management.