

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1798  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2020**

**FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO REVAMP ASI**

**1798. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:**

**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- a) whether the Ministry has prepared five-year plan to revamp Archaeological Survey of India and setting up of museums etc.;
- b) if so, the details thereof and the amount to be budgeted for each year;
- c) whether there is any proposal to provide training in Archaeology, Museology, Conservation etc. and if so, the details thereof; and
- d) whether any funds have been specifically provided for excavations in Keeladi, Tamil Nadu where rich deposits were found and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM**

**(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

- a) No, Sir. No ASI-specific plan is proposed.
- b) Does not arise.
- c) Training in Archaeology, Museology and Conservations is being provided by the following organizations:

Archaeology	Pt. Deendayal Upadhy Institute, Greater Noida
Museology	National Museum Institute of History, Arts, Conservation & Museology, New Delhi
Conservation	National Research Laboratory for Conservation of Cultural Property, Lucknow

- d) The Archaeological Survey of India conducted excavations at Keeladi. The details of expenditure incurred by ASI for excavation at Keeladi during the years 2014-15 to 2017-18 are as under:

Financial Year	Amount (in Rs.)
2014-15	7,70,010/-
2015-16	48,50,798/-
2016-17	35,50,000/-
2017-18	22,50,000/-

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