

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology is undertaking excavation at Keeladi and other sites in its cluster *viz.*, Kondagai, Agaram and Manalur.

(b) Presently, there is no such proposal with ASI.

Renovation project at Patra in Paschim Medinipur in West Bengal

978. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry and Archaeological Survey of India has taken up the renovation project at Patra in the district of Paschim Medinipur in West Bengal, if so, the amount of money sanctioned for this project; and

(b) whether Archaeological Survey of India has not paid the price for the land acquired, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) Conservation work of protected monuments in the country including at Patra in the district of Paschim Medinipur in West Bengal is a continuous process and attended regularly by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as per the requirement of different sites and availability of resources. The allocation of funds for the current financial year for conservation of protected monuments at Patra is ₹35.00 lakhs.

(b) The process for land acquisition has been initiated.

Cultural heritage centres in North Eastern States

979. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cultural heritage centres and other places of heritage importance identified in various States, especially in North Eastern States as on date;

(b) the measures taken by the Central and State Governments for their protection and conservation;

(c) the funds allocated for this purpose during the last three years and current years; and