

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-18
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SCIENTIFIC STUDIES TO ESTABLISH THE AGE OF RAM SETU

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has any major plan to conduct scientific studies at Ram Setu to arrive at its age;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the agencies that are roped in for conducting the study and the role ASI is likely to play; and
- (d) the timeline fixed to complete the study and make available the observations?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM
(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) The Standing Committee of Central Advisory Board of Archaeology (SC of CABA) to
- (c) for the field season 2020-21 has recommended a proposal for exploration off Dhanushkoti, Rameshwaram, district Ramanathpuram (Tamil Nadu) to CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Goa. The role of ASI is limited to grant the permission for exploration on the recommendation of the SC of CABA.
- (d) The recommendation is limited to current field season i.e. 2020-21 (October 2020 to September 2021).
