

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-19
ANSWERED ON 2.2.2021

MAJOR EXCAVATIONS AT ANCIENT SITES CONDUCTED BY ASI

19. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) the details of ancient sites where ASI is conducting excavations during the current field season (2020-2021);
- (b) the quantum of funds that have been earmarked to ASI exclusively for carrying out excavations for 2020-2021 field season; and
- (c) whether the ancient sites put to excavations have been identified based upon archaeological problem and, if so, the details with respect to each site?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The details are at Annexure I.
- (b) During the Budget 2020-21
Total allocation: Rs.200.00 lakhs
Expenditure incurred: Rs. 124.16 lakhs.
- (c) Yes, Sir. The details are at Annexure I.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY PART (a) & (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-19 FOR 2.2.2021

ASI'S EXCAVATION PROGRAMME PROPOSED DURING THE FIELD SEASON (OCTOBER TO SEPTEMBER) 2020-21

Sl. No	Name of the site	Objective/problem to Investigate/address/understand
1.	Kalibangan, district Hanumangarh, Rajasthan	To backfill the erosional gullies and to provide suitable drainage to divert the surface run off to prevent further deterioration
2.	Eran, district Sagar, Madhya Pradesh	To know and confirm the stratigraphy of the sites starting from Palaeolithic to 12 th CE and the details of town planning as well as settlement patterns of different periods and phases
3.	Tewar, district Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh	To know the stratigraphy of the ancient site starting from Mesolithic to 12 th CE and the settlement patterns of once capital of Kalchuri dynasty 8 th to 12 th CE
4.	Sitagarha, district Hazaribag, Jharkhand	To identify the nature and context of the structural edifice and antecedent cultural phase(s)
5.	Langudi Hills, district Jajpur, Odisha	To know the structural remains of the Buddhist site at Langudi
6.	Vadnagar, district Mehsana, Gujarat	To expose structure on plan and to clear the land for setting up an experiential museum
7.	Halebidu, district Hassan, Karnataka	To expose a medieval era temple
8.	Thed (Ther) Mound, Sirsa Haryana	To establish a cultural sequence
9.	Tibba Tiliana (Jinder Mehlu), R.S. Pura, UT of Jammu & Kashmir	To evaluate inter and intra settlement pattern of the site and those in its neighborhoods, to build ceramic index for the region and to conduct scientific investigation to build a related database for Jammu & Kashmir
10.	Masol Hills (Masol & Nada), District SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab	To ascertain prehistoric appearance through stratigraphic sequence and find out prehistoric remains of early man.
