

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2418**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2021

**REGULAR TRAINING AND ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR IN-SERVICE OFFICERS**

2418 SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHTRAPATI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether archaeology, epigraphy, numismatics, archaeological science, historical landscape, conservation and restoration need special skills since these disciplines are not part of the curriculum in most of the academic institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether there exists any system of providing regular training and orientation for in-service officers of different grades in the field of archaeology, epigraphy, numismatics, archaeological science, historical landscape, conservation, and restoration, except for the yearly one-month duration conservation camps; and
- (d) if not, whether it is not a fact that ASI is discharging its functions of utmost importance through untrained officials?

**ANSWER**

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(a)&(b) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) offers two year Post Graduate Diploma in Archaeology where epigraphy, numismatics, archaeological science, conservation etc. are main papers. Some of the universities in India also offer Masters degree in Ancient Indian History and Archaeology and Diploma in Archaeology wherein these subjects are included either as main papers or optional subjects.

(c)&(d) In-service officers from ASI, State Department and nominated personnel from SAARC Countries also get training under Post Graduate Diploma in Archaeology course.

ASI also organizes workshops and short-term courses on epigraphy and numismatics, structural and chemical conservation, Geographical Information System (GIS) etc. for the capacity building of in-service officers.