

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1623
ANSWERED ON- 13.03.2025

HARAPPAN SCRIPT

1623 SMT. RAJANI ASHOKRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether there is any success in decoding the Harappan Script;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to decipher the ancient language; and
- (C) whether Government is utilising modern tools and technology to decipher the language, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) The Harappan Script also known as Indus script, has not yet been successfully deciphered.

(b) and (c) In order to decipher the ancient script and languages Ministry of Culture through the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) has taken initiatives like organizing seminars and publishing relevant works, etc. The Epigraphy Branch of the ASI conducts epigraphical surveys, copies inscriptions, which are then deciphered, edited and published in the Annual Report on Indian Epigraphy.
