

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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EXCAVATION WORK IN UTTARAKHAND

2092. # **SHRI NARESH BANSAL:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some places of historical importance have been discovered during the excavation work in the State of Uttarakhand during the last three years; and
- (b) whether Government proposes to conduct a survey in the State of Uttarakhand to identify such sites/monuments and if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken/being taken by Government for revival and conservation of such sites/monuments?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) No, Sir. No excavation has been conducted in Uttarakhand during the last three years.
- (b) Dehradun Circle of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) regularly conducts village-to-village survey to record historical/archaeological sites/monuments in the state. Since 2018-19, total 361 villages were surveyed, out of which antiquarian remains were found in 24 villages. Further, there are 43 Centrally Protected Monuments/Sites in Uttarakhand which are conserved by the ASI as per requirement and all are maintained in a good state of preservation.