

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 02.02.2023

RELEASE OF POST-EXCAVATION REPORT OF KEEZHADI, TAMIL NADU

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Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has completed the post-excavation scientific studies and documented the 1st, 2nd and 3rd phase excavation at Keezhadi, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government will provide a timeline for the release of 1st, 2nd and 3rd phase excavation report of Keezhadi, Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The post-excavation scientific studies and documentation of the findings from the excavations at Keeladi, Tamil Nadu conducted during 2014-15 and 2015-16 have been completed. The documentation of antiquities found during the excavation in 2016-17 has also been completed.
- (b) Scientific analysis of the faunal remains, phytolith, pollen analysis, soil samples and 10 carbon samples analyzed in USA and India have been included in the final report. Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (AMS) dating result of 2 carbon samples have been received from USA and documentation of antiquities found during the excavation of 2016-17 have been completed in National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) format.
- (c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The final report of the excavations conducted during 2014-15 and 2015-16 have been completed.
