

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1607
ANSWERED ON 03.08.2023

EXPLORING ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AT RIVER VAIGAI

1607. DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has proposal to explore any other archaeological sites along the bank of river Vaigai in the lines of Keezhadi;
- (b) if so, the details of the sites thereof;
- (c) whether Government has allocated funds for such other new explorations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a)&(b) At present there is no such proposal under consideration.

(c)&(d) Adequate funds are allocated whenever any exploration and excavation is taken by the Archaeological Survey of India. Funds allocated by the ASI for archaeological excavations during 2018-19 to 2022-23 are as under:

Financial Year	Allocation (Rupees in Lakh)
2018-19	625.00
2019-20	360.00
2020-21	250.00
2021-22	609.00
2022-23	1000.00
