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EXCAVATIONS AT INDUS VALLEY CIVILISATION SITES

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

- (a) whether excavations are still going on at the Indus Valley Civilisation sites;
- (b) the latest findings derived from the excavations; and
- (c) the list of archaeological sites excavated under the project and the main features identified so far?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The excavation at Kunal, District Fatehabad, by the Department of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Haryana carried out in collaboration with the National Museum, New Delhi and the Indian Archaeological Society, New Delhi, has revealed the remains of three successive occupational phases of the pre, early and mature Saraswati -Indus civilization which had a large expanse. The findings of the excavation include pit dwelling, square and rectangular mud brick houses.

Findings from Excavation conducted by the Institute of Archaeology at Rakhigarhi, District Hisar, Haryana during the year 2022-23 include house complex of mud bricks, evidences of drains, wells, street, hearth, two burials of mature Harappan phase, seals, beads of semi-precious stones, terracotta objects and figurines, chert blades, copper and gold objects, etc.

(c) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) conducts archaeological excavations regularly in different parts of the country as an ongoing exercise.

Excavation at Pan Supari Bazaar, Kamalapura during 2021-22 and 2022-23 exposed the structures of the Vijayanagara period.

The excavation at Bewan, Patan, District Neemka-Thana, Rajasthan found significant archaeological vestiges from Sultanate period to the Ochre Coloured Pottery (OCP) period. The cultural phase denoted by the significant occurrence of grey ware with occasional occurrence of Painted Grey Ware, Black Slipped Ware and Northern Black Polished Ware.
