

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3231
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ANCIENT COINS

3231 SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has taken any appropriate steps to record, compile and publish the Discoveries of Ancient Coins in the last two decades, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the detailed list of ancient coin hoards found in the last 3 decades and the chance discoveries surfaced in the country; and
- (C) whether the ASI has any plans to create an exclusive Numismatic Museum in Chennai or any other place to display the array of ancient coins from early Punch Marked coins to various dynastic coins and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) publishes discoveries of ancient coins in the Annual Report of *Indian Epigraphy and the Indian Archaeology: A Review*.
- (b) The ancient coin hoards have been found in the last 3 decades by ASI in Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The chance discoveries surfaced in the country are published in the *Indian Archaeology: A Review*.
- (c) There are no exclusive Numismatic Museum created by ASI in Chennai or any other place. However, Ancient coins are preserved and displayed at ASI site museums.
