

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-504
ANSWERED ON- 24.07.2025

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS IN THE COUNTRY

504. SHRI A. A. RAHIM:

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

- (a) the total number of archaeological excavations supported by Government in the last five years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) The fund allocated to each excavation;
- (c) The amount of central funds allocated specifically for Keeladi and other Southern heritage excavation projects during this period; and
- (d) the reasons for the delay or discontinuation of ASI-led excavations at Keeladi?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The details of archaeological excavations conducted by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the last five years, are given at **Annexure**.

(d) ASI had identified archaeological potential of Keeladi after conducting systematic survey in Vaigai River basin. The site was taken up for excavation for the seasons 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, which revealed rich archaeological remains. Since 2018, Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology is conducting excavation at the site of Keeladi.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b) AND (c) OF RAJYA SABHA
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State/ UT	Site	Year	Fund (In Lakh)
Assam	Gorakshanna Mound	2022	16.78
Bihar	Kurisarai	2021	7.00
		2022	15.00
	Jangalasthan ka Tila	2023	25.67
	Ajatshatru ka Qila Maidan	2023	100.0
		2024	40.00
	Buddhist Stupa ,Kesariya	2023	45.00
		2024	19.95
Delhi	Purana Qila	2022	23.00
Goa	St. Augustine Tower	2023	14.62
Gujarat	Vadnagar	2020	116.9
		2021	328.5
	Vihar and Vadnagar	2022	173.96
	Sarwal and Vadnagar	2023	110.98
	Vadnagar	2024	73.42
	Valabhipur	2024	25.57
	Lothal	2024	24.00
Haryana	Thed Mound , Sirsa	2020	10.00
	Rakhigarhi	2021	11.00
		2022	57.00
		2023	68.95
		2024	49.20
		2022	58.05
	Kaserua Khera	2023	125.0
		2023	40.47
	Asandh	2024	127.6
	Agroha	2024	10.30
Jammu & Kashmir	Tibba Tiliana	2020	1.49
	Karti-Wdre	2024	52.00
Jharkhand	Sitagarha	2020	14.00
		2021	25.00
	Obra	2022	25.00
	Navratangarh	2023	46.50
Karnataka	Halebidu	2020	3.50
	Pan Supari Bazar	2022	15.00
		2023	5.00
		2024	9.70
	Brahmagiri	2024	15.00
Kerala	Pattanam	2024	44.00
Madhya Pradesh	Tewar	2020	18.00
		2021	14.00

	Eran	2020	27.00
		2021	27.00
	Gwalior Fort	2022	11.52
	Bateshwar	2022	40.26
	Bhimbetka	2023	41.85
	Nachna Kuthara	2023	7.00
Maharashtra		2024	15.50
	Mahurjhari	2020	27.00
	Bibi ka Maqbara	2021	8.00
		2022	9.00
		2023	10.00
Odisha	Kohla	2023	68.00
	Langudi Hill	2020	5.00
		2021	0.52
	Naara Huda	2021	8.47
		2022	31.00
		2023	25.00
		2024	32.50
	Parabhadi	2022	7.00
	Sari Deul	2022	8.00
	Barabati Fort	2023	70.00
Rajasthan	Ratnagiri	2024	110.0
	Kalibangan	2020	27.00
		2021	35.00
	Ojiyana	2022	36.97
	Bewan	2022	26.38
		2023	72.50
Tamil Nadu	Bahaj	2024	164.0
	Adichanallur	2021	40.47
		2022	69.99
		2023	86.66
		2024	14.03
	Vadikapattu	2023	35.00
		2024	70.00
	Kodumbalur	2024	22.22
	Amur	2024	5.00
Uttar Pradesh	Barnauli ki Dhai	2021	15.00
	Ulta Khera (Hastinapur)	2021	26.00
		2022	44.00
	Kanhaiya Baba Ka Sthan	2024	4.00
	Kachhwa Kalan	2024	17.00
	Tilwara	2024	50.00
West Bengal	Dum Dum Mound	2021	2.80
	Bharatpur	2022	13.00
	Bhadiswar Mounds	2024	8.99
