

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1297
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REVIEW AND PUBLICATION OF KEELADI EXCAVATION REPORT

1297 SHRI A. A. RAHIM:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has completed the review of Keeladi excavation report and if not, the reasons for the delay and the expected timeline for its completion and public release;
- (b) whether any additional technical or historical input has been sought to address the missing details and discrepancies reported in the preliminary report and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has recorded concerns or objections from State-level archaeological bodies, historians or local Governments about the content or interpretation of the findings and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) and (b) Draft report on excavation at Keeladi conducted between 2014 and 2016 was submitted and vetted by two eminent scholars as per set practice. Excerpts of observations of experts like missing details of Plates, Drawings, plans, Contours, Stratigraphy, Image-Graffiti etc. have been communicated to the author of the report. However, desired improvements are awaited from the excavator so far.
- (c) Any such concerns have been examined and replied suitably.
