

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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1462 SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

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

- (a) whether the Central Government has any project proposal for decipherment of enigmatic Indus script and to establish its relationship with archaic Brahmi script of the Dravidian civilization;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures taken by Government to decode, decipher and record archaic Brahmi inscriptions found in Tamil Nadu as well as in other States as well as in foreign countries like Sri Lanka, Egypt, China, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia and Indonesia?

ANSWER

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

- (a) and (b) Ministry of Culture organized a three-day International Conference under Gyan Bharatam Mission from 11 to 13 September 2025 in New Delhi where various scholars from India and abroad participated and held discussions on various themes. One such theme was “Decipherment of Ancient Scripts: Indus, Gilgit and Sankha”.
- (c) Archaeological Survey of India has been regularly conducting epigraphical survey across the country to copy inscriptions including archaic Brahmi inscriptions found in Tamil Nadu and other parts of the country. Copied archaic Brahmi inscriptions have been deciphered and published in Annual Reports on Indian Epigraphy.
