

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3162
ANSWERED ON 19.03.2026

DEVELOPMENT OF ADICHANALLUR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

3162. SMT. RAJATHI :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise details of funds allocated and utilized for Adichanallur archaeological site during the years 2020-21 to 2025-26;
- (b) the budgetary allocations made for the development of the site under the newly proposed DESH (Development of Excavation Sites and Heritage Complexes) scheme during 2026;
- (c) the timeline proposed for completion of the State-of-the-art in situ museum, the proposed curated walkways and other infrastructures; and
- (d) whether any specific measures have been taken to recover and repatriate the approximately 5,000 artefacts excavated from there currently housed in foreign museums?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The year wise details of funds allocated and utilized for Adichanallur archaeological site during the years 2020-21 to 2025-26 are given as under:

(Amount in Rs.)

Financial Year	Allocation	Expenditure
2020-21	14,762	14,762
2021-22	55,88,964	53,32,862
2022-23	84,06,206	84,06,171
2023-24	1,66,19,863	1,66,19,727
2024-25	47,03,292	23,60,927
2025-26 (Till 16.03.2026)	61,94,554	37,11,955

- (b) Detailed planning is being done for the development and allocation of budget for the project.
- (c) Based on the detailed planning, timeline will be fixed.
- (d) Identification and repatriation through diplomatic and legal means is continuously being pursued for Indian artefacts in foreign museums and collections.
