

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-509
ANSWERED ON- 23.07.2026

COMPILATION AND RECORDING OF ANCIENT COINS

509. SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any appropriate steps to compile, record, and publish the discoveries of ancient Punch Marked coins as well as ancient Roman and Chinese coins and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of ancient coin hoards found in the country;
- (c) whether the ASI and the Ministry 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 and 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.
