

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 349  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2017**

**DISCOVERY OF OLD POTTERY**

**\*349. PROF SAUGATA ROY :**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Department have discovered 4000 year old Ochre Coloured Pottery copper related evidences during their excavations recently and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether these discoveries are a clear evidence that the Indian Culture during that period was very scientific and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to identify more such places in the Ganga-Yamuna fertile base of the country?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA )**

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY PART (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \* 349 FOR 27.3.2017**

- (a) Yes Sir. Six copper celts (axes) were chance discovered recently from a brick field in village Sakatpur Must, Tehsil Rampur Maniharan in District Saharanpur (Uttar Pradesh).The excavation started in February 2017 by ASI at the site has yielded pottery which is tentatively identified as Ochre Coloured Pottery generally believed to have flourished during the 2<sup>nd</sup> millennium B.C.
- (c) The discoveries indicate the status of scientific know how of the OCP culture.
- (d) The region has thoroughly been explored during the past which has yielded a number of sites belonging to OCP culture.