

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1480
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.2018**

EXISTENCE OF SARASWATI RIVER

1480. COL.SONARAM CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an expert panel has been formed/constituted to find the evidence of existence of ancient River Sarasawati;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the findings of said panel ;
- (c) whether any time-frame has been drawn to expedite the work of revival/reconstruction of the River Saraswati; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER
OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) The Ministry of Culture constituted the Advisory Committee for the Multi-disciplinary Study of the Sarasvati basin on 16.09.2015 for a period of two years under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Culture Minister. A meeting of the Committee was held on 25.07.2016. The tenure of Committee has been further extended for two year vide Notification No. S.O. 33(E) dated 28.12.2017.
- (b) As per the recommendations of aforesaid Committee two Sub-Committees on Research and Showcasing have been formed to carry out investigations.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Question does not arise.