

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2627
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2018**

CLOSING OF EXCAVATION PROJECT IN TAMIL NADU

2627. SHRI K PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is financial crunch in Archaeological Survey of India and it has closed its excavation projects due to paucity of funds particularly in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide additional funds to ASI for excavation projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total number of excavation projects closed recently by ASI due to paucity of funds?

ANSWER

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

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) Allocation of additional fund is made on the demands of the ASI. However, Archaeological Survey of India has not made any demand for allocation of additional fund for excavation.
- (d) Question does not arise.
- (e) No excavation project has been closed recently by the ASI due to paucity of funds.