

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3012
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018**

OLDEST CIVILIZATION IN INDIA

3012. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken/proposes to undertake any research work to find out the oldest civilization in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details and name of the oldest civilization in the Indian sub-continent as per records available;
- (c) whether any study has been conducted to find out the facts relating to erstwhile Kumari-continent as mentioned in the ancient Tamil literature; and
- (d) If so, the details and the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(DR.MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Yes, Madam. The Archaeological Survey of India has undertaken many research & works to find out the oldest civilization in the country and still the researches are
- (b) being done in this area. The sites like Kalibangan, Lothal, Ropar, Rakhigarhi and Dholavira are few names to cite here. So far as the name of the oldest civilization, it is widely accepted that Indus Valley Civilization is the oldest civilization in the Indian sub-continent.
- (c) No such study has been carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India & nor any proposal received so far to carry out study in this area.
- (d)

