

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3442  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019**

**FUNDS TO ASI FOR EXCAVATION PROJECTS**

**3442. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India is facing a financial crunch forcing it to close its excavation projects across the country particularly in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has also proposed to provide additional funds to ASI for its excavation projects; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the total number of excavation projects closed recently by ASI due to availability of inadequate funds?

**ANSWER**

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

**(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) No, Sir.

The following funds allotted by the Government for exploration/ excavation during the last five financial year:

Financial Year	Allotment (Rs. in lakhs)
2015-16	570.00
2016-17	505.00
2017-18	530.00
2018-19	625 .00
2019-20	191.66 (till June)

- (c) No excavation project was closed recently by ASI due to inadequate fund.