

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4668
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2019**

RIVER SARASWATI

† 4668. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details in regard to present status of search for Saraswati river, State wise;
- (b) the details of achievements made till date and the budget provision for search of this river and the amount spent till date; and
- (c) whether the Government has given any responsibility to the Government of Haryana and Rajasthan in this search and if so, the role of Rajasthan and Haryana Government in this search?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM
(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

- (a) An Advisory Committee for Multidisciplinary Study (ACMS) for river Sarasvati for 2 years was constituted in September, 2015, the tenure of which was extended for 2 years in December, 2017. Two meetings of ACMS and two meetings of Sub-Committees were convened so far.
- (b) The excavation at Binjore (in Rajasthan) was carried out during 2014-15 to 2016-17. Earlier excavations at Adibadri, Bhirrana, Hansi (all in Haryana); Baror, Karanpura, Chak 86, Tarkhanwala Dera (all in Rajasthan); Juni Kuran (in Gujarat) were carried out under Sarasvati Heritage Project since 2003. The details are at Annexure. The expenditure incurred site-wise is as follows:

Adibadri	Rs.11,56,514/-
Bhirrana	Rs.65,13,428/-
Hansi	Rs.7,25,000/-
Baror	Rs.26,60,000/-
Karanpura	Rs.91,15,000/-
Chak 86 & Tarkhanwala Dera	Rs.9,41,199/-
Juni Kuran	Rs.38,49,000/-
Binjore	Rs.1,40,04,173/-

- (c) No, Sir.