

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1871
ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022

**EXCAVATION OF PORT CITY TO ESTABLISH MARITIME HERITAGE
COMPLEX**

1871. SHRI RAMALINGAM S.

Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government has taken any recent steps to further excavate and document the important port city and major trading centre of Chola Era, such as Poompuhar/Kaveripoompattinam and to establish National Maritime Heritage; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH
EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. There is no such proposal to excavate any port city of Chola Era by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). However, ASI is working with the Ministry of Shipping to develop National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal in Gujarat.
