

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4263
ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023

REVIVAL OF UNDER WATER WING OF ASI

4263. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared a blueprint for reviving the Underwater Archaeology Wing (UAW) of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the projects that are in pipeline for the underwater excavation and study;
- (d) whether the Government has approved the proposals to conduct an archaeological investigation in the Cauvery Delta in Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has an Underwater Archaeology Wing (UAW) since & 2001. Recently an Assistant Archaeologist has been posted in ASI Headquarter specifically to
- (b) handle matter related to underwater archaeology.
- (c) There is no such proposal under consideration.
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- (d)
- (e) Question does not arise.
