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TRAINING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF ASI STAFF

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

- (a) the status of training and skill development of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) staff for the conservation and management of heritage sites;
- (b) the challenges faced in retaining skilled professional and ensuring their continuous training; and
- (c) the collaboration with academic institutions and international bodies for providing advanced training and research opportunities to ASI staff?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) For training and skill development of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) staff, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Institute of Archaeology (Pt.DUIA), conducts various short term training programmes, workshops and refresher courses related to conservation, preservation, management of heritage sites, field training of excavation and exploration.
- (b) The large work force of ASI across the country, coupled with limited resources, is a challenge, but utmost care is taken for organising capacity building programmes regularly.
- (c) The Pt.DUIA collaborates with various academic Institutions, organization and international bodies such as IIT's, Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences, Deccan Collage etc. and also invites National and International scholars as a resource persons imparting advance training to ASI personnel.
