

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3375
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2019**

REVAMPING OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA

3375. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

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SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Ministry has prepared Five Year Plan to revamp Archaeological Survey of India, setting up of museums etc;
- b) if so, the details thereof and the proposed budgetary expenditure, year-wise;
- c) the details of financial allocation and other supports provided to continue with the excavation work and archaeological studies at Keezhadi, Tamil Nadu where rich deposits were found recently; and
- d) whether any funds specifically provided for excavation in Keeladi, Tamil Nadu where rich deposits were found and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) No.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) & (d) The Archaeological Survey of India conducted excavations at Keeladi for four field seasons (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 & 2017-18). The details of expenditure incurred by ASI for excavation at Keeladi are as under:

Financial Year	Amount (in RS.)
2014-15	7,70,010/-
2015-16	48,50,798/-
2016-17	35,50,000/-
2017-18	22,50,000/-