

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3450  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2019**

**SURVEY OF ASI**

**3450. SHRI T.R. BAALU:**

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

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India conducted a survey at Adichanallur in Thoothukudi district in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any report has been submitted in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details of the findings of the survey and if not, the reasons for not making report to the public;
- (d) whether any fresh survey would be conducted by ASI at Eral Sivakalai in Thoothukudi District and also in Kodumanal in Chennimalai Taluk in Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India has conducted excavations at Adichanallur in Tamil Nadu during 2003-04 and 2004-05.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) Adichanallur dates back to 6<sup>th</sup>–7<sup>th</sup> cen. BCE revealed more than 160 urns of both red ware and black and red and pottery of black and red ware, red ware and black ware with dominant shapes viz., bowls, dishes, vases, lids, miniature pots, ring stands, etc. majority of them have paintings with white pigment. Artefacts mainly includes iron objects like arrowheads, spearheads, swords, axes, knives celts and chisels, copper bangles, terracotta and stone beads.
- (d) No, Sir. However, permission to Tamil Nadu State Archaeology Department has been issued & for excavating Sivakalai and Kodumanal for 2019-20.
- (e)