88. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:
    SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
    SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:
    SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first phase of the excavation by the Archaeological Survey of India in Gottiprolu, Andhra Pradesh indicates it as a Trade Centre of Early Historic Period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether detailed topographical study and drone images have helped in identifying an early historic settlement surrounded by a fortification; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes, Sir. The excavation conducted during first phase (2018-19) has brought to light the evidences of early historical settlement. The initial findings are brick built structure, Vishnu image, terracotta figurine and beads, copper coins, iron spear head, ear studs of semiprecious stone, black, red, russet coated and black & red ware.

(b) &

(c) Yes, Sir. The survey helped to identify the contours and fortifications of the site.

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