

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 88
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020**

EXCAVATION BY ASI IN GOTTIPROLU, ANDHRA PRADESH

**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
- (b)** 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.
- (c)** Yes, Sir. The survey helped to identify the contours and fortifications of the site.
- (d)** &