

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1302**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6.12.2021

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS**

1302. **DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided any financial support for conducting archaeological excavations and publishing of excavation reports in Tamil Nadu during the last three years and if so the details thereof;
- (b) the various Steps taken by the Government to protect and preserve the archaeological sites in Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) the total amount allocated for the same during the last five years, year-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER FOR CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Government accords permissions to carry out archaeological excavations in states. Thirty permissions have been given to State departments of archaeology, universities, and research institutions in Tamil Nadu to conduct archaeological excavations during last three years. The report on excavations is published by the agency itself for which permission is given. During 2018-19 an expenditure of Rs. 69,253 was incurred by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for writing the excavation report of Adichanallur which was published in e-format.
- (b) ASI through its two circle offices at Chennai and Trichy maintains all centrally protected & monuments and sites of Tamil Nadu. Following is the expenditure incurred during last five years:
- (c)

Amount (Rs. in lakhs)

2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
881.00	785.00	1037.00	1410.00	728.00

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