

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4072**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2022

**EXCAVATION AT PALAKKAD FORT**

4072. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) has recovered cannon balls from Palakkad Fort which is widely known as Tipu's Fort;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether ASI is considering to make more excavations at the said Fort to unearth many more historically important recoveries from the said Fort;
- (d) whether it is also true that ASI presumes that there can be many more cannon balls buried on the premises of the said Fort;
- (e) whether it is also true that ASI is taking steps to preserve the cannon balls recovered; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN  
REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) recovered fifty (50) cannon balls & of various sizes inside Palakkad Fort, which include forty-two (42) big and eight (b) (08) small iron cannon balls.
- (c) The fort is an ancient monument of national importance and finding to archaeological remains during clearance is a common phenomenon. ASI takes (f) necessary steps to preserve antiquities and their proper storage and display including the recent finds.