

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 126**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022

**EXCAVATIONS AT KEEZHADI**

126. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ASI is aware of the excavation of menhirs in Pollachi Lok Sabha constituency in Tamil Nadu and the details thereof;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated, disbursed and utilised for the same;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to conduct further excavations at Keezhadi, Adichanallur and Pollachi and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN  
REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Chennai Circle of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) had carried out exploration in & 1963 where the presence of Menhirs was reported in Pollachi.
- (b) Since no excavation was carried out, the question of funds allocated does not arise.
- (c) The excavations at Keezhadi and Adichanallur are being conducted by State & Department of Archaeology, Tamil Nadu and Trichy Circle, ASI respectively.
- (d) No proposal has been received for excavation at Pollachi.