

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 29
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN KERALA

29. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the researchers have found several pre-historic artefacts and archaeological remains along the banks of three rivers flowing through the Attappady hills in Kerala straddling Kerala and Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that the Kerala Government has sought the help of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to conduct a detailed survey of the sites in Attappadi from where archaeological evidence of Iron Age habitation was found and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that a licence has been sought from ASI to explore and excavate, if needed, in Attappady; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Thrissur Circle of Archaeological Survey of India has conducted a Village to & Village Survey during the year 2018-19 in the Attappady region where 44
- (b) archaeological sites were found. State Archaeology Department of Kerala has also carried out exploration of Attappady region in the month of April 2022.
- (c) No such proposal has been received.
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- (e)