GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2171
ANSWARED ON 05.08.2024

CENTRAL ADVISORY BOARD ON ARCHAEOLOGY

2171. Dr. T SUMATHY ALIAS THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:-

a) whether the Government has reconstituted the Central Advisory Board on Archaeology (CABA) in 2022, seven years after its last meeting, if so, the details thereof and the present composition and members of the CABA;

b) whether the Government has taken appropriate measures to excavate and publish the archaeological sites in Tamil Nadu State during the last ten years and if so, the details thereof;

c) the total number of Sanctioned posts, present status, vacant posts of Directors, Superintending Archaeologists, Deputy SAs, Assistant Archaeologists, Superintending Epigraphists, Deputy Superintending Epigraphists, Assistant Epigraphists, Conservation Assistants, Curators all Class A,B,C and D employees in Archaeological Survey of India (ASI); and

d) whether the Government has initiated any special recruitment drive for filling up of vacancies in SC/ST/OBC and Minority communities in ASI and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) Yes Sir. Notification was published in The Gazette of India on 19th May 2022.

(b) Yes Sir. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) conducts excavations all over the country including Tamil Nadu. Sites excavated in Tamil Nadu during the last 10 years are listed in Annexure I.

(c) The details are provided in Annexure II.

(d) The vacancies which include SC/ST/OBC and Minority Communities falling under Direct Recruitment Quota are reported from time to time to the Recruitment agencies i.e., UPSC and SSC.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2171 FOR 05.08.2024

List of the excavation sites for the last ten years and status of reports

	Name of the site	Agency	Year of excavation	Report Details
1	Pulicat, District Tiruvallur	ASI	2013-14	Report submitted.
2	Keeladi, District Sivaganga	ASI	2014-15 to 2016- 17	Report submitted.
3	Kodumanal, District Erode	ASI	2017-18	-
4	Adichanallur District Thoothukudi	ASI	2021-22	-
5	Adichanallur habitation mound and its cluster of habitation mounds (Agaram, Tirukolur), District Thoothukudi	ASI	2022-23	-
6	Vadakkupattu, District Kanchipuram	ASI	2022-23 2023-24	-
7	Gangaikondacholapuram, District Ariyalur	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2020-21 to 2022-23	Report submitted
8	Alagankulam, District Ramanathapuram	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2014-2015 2016-2017	-
9	Kodumanal, District Erode	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2019-2020 2020-2021	-
10	Srirangam, District Tiruchirapalli	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2013-2014 2014-2015	-
11	UkkiranKottai, District Tirunelveli	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2014-2015	-

12	Pattaraiperumbudur, District Tiruvallur	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2015-2016 2017-2018 2022-2023	Report published
13	Keeladi, District Sivagangai	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2017-2018 to 2023-2024	Interim reports till the last seasons had been submitted. Ongoing excavation
14	Adichanallur, District Thoothukudi	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2019-2020 2020-2021	Interim Report submitted
15	Sivagalai, District Thoothukudi	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2019-2020 to 2021-2022	Interim Report submitted
16	Mayiladumparai, DistrictKrishnagiri	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2020-2021 2021-2022	Interim Report submitted
17	Vembakkottai, DistrictVirudhunagar	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2021-2022 to 2023-2024	Interim Report submitted Ongoing excavation
18	Thulukkarpatti, District Tirunelveli	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2021-2022 2022-2023	Interim Report submitted
19	Perumbalai, District Dharmapuri	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2021-2022	Excavation report published
20	Kilnamandi, District Tiruvannamalai	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2022-2023 2023-2024	Interim Report submitted Ongoing excavation
21	Porpanaikkottai, District Pudukottai	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2022-2023 2023-2024	Interim Report submitted Ongoing excavation
22	Boothinatham, District Dharmapuri	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2022-2023	-
23	Tirumalapuram, District Tenkasi	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2023-2024	Ongoing excavation
24	Chennanoor, District Krishnagiri	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2023-2024	Ongoing excavation
25	Kongalnagaram, District Tiruppur	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2023-2024	Ongoing excavation
26	Marungur, District Cuddalore	Dept. of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	2023-2024	Ongoing excavation

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The total number of Sanctioned Posts, present status, vacant posts of class A, B, C employees in ASI is as under: -

	Sanctioned Strength	Filled	Vacant
Group A	313	144	169
Group B	979	710	269
Group C	7486	4793	2693

Further, the Sanctioned Posts, present status, vacant posts of Director, Superintending Archaeologist, Deputy SA, Assistant Archaeologists, Superintending Epigraphist, Deputy Superintending Epigraphist, Assistant Epigraphists, Conservation Assistants and Curators is as under:-

Sl.No.	Name of Post	Sanctioned Strength	Filled	Vacant
1.	Director	18	11	09
2.	Superintending Archaeologist	48	38	10
3.	Deputy SAs	120	35	85
4.	Assistant Archaeologist	150	95	55
5.	Superintending Epigraphist	03	01	02
6.	Deputy Superintending Epigraphist	06	01	05
7.	Assistant Epigraphist	16	14	02
8.	Conservation Assistant	540	114	426
9.	Curators	00	00	00