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Excavation by ASI in Gujarat

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

- (a) the details of ancient sites where Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has conducted excavations in Gujarat State during the last five years;
- (b) the details of funds that have been earmarked to ASI exclusively for carrying out excavations during the same period; and
- (c) whether the ancient sites put to excavations have been identified based upon archaeological problems and if so, the details with respect to each site?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
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- (a) During last five years Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has conducted excavation on the following sites in Gujarat:- Taranga, District Mehsana (2017-18 and 2018-19), Gunja, District Mehsana (2018-19), Vadnagar, District Mehsana (2019-20 to 2021-22) Vihar, District Gandhi Nagar (2021-22) Sarval, District Patan (2022-23 and 2023-24). An exploration has also been conducted at Sanjan, District-Valsad.
- (b) Funds allotted for Archaeological excavation during last five years are as under:

Year	Amount (In Cr.)
2019-20	3.6
2020-21	2.5
2021-22	6.09
2022-23	10.00
2023-24	11.30

- (c) The sites for excavations are identified based upon surface findings and following the literary and oral traditions. The excavations are conducted on such identified sites to retrieve the material evidence of ancient cultures and to reconstruct history. Excavations on these sites have unearthed archaeological remains, as stupa, vihara, temple remains, etc. assignable from Late Harappan to Early Historical period.
