

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
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IDENTIFICATION OF TAMIL BRAHMI INSCRIPTIONS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Brahmi inscriptions have been identified at tombs in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt as reported in the press;
- (b) whether it is also true that these inscriptions are belonging to the period between the 1st and 3rd Centuries CE;
- (c) whether it is also true that a paper was released concerning the said findings; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) It is reported in the press that short inscription in Indian languages, including Tamil Brahmi have been noticed at tombs in the valley of the kings in Egypt.
- (b) Based on the script, finder has claimed that these short inscriptions are datable between 1st and 3rd century CE.
- (c) and (d) A paper was presented in the International Conference on Tamil Epigraphy organised by Department of Archaeology, Government of Tamil Nadu held at Chennai in February this year.
