

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 409**  
ANSWERED ON-02.02.2026

EXCAVATION AT MARUNGUR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE IN CUDDALORE

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the historical significance of the Marungur archaeological site in Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu is documented/being documented by the Government;
- (b) whether it is a fact that evidence of Iron age was unearthed from this Marungur site during excavation;
- (c) the details of unearthed things and its significance from Marungur site;
- (d) whether the Government has any previous excavations or conducted research at Marungur that lead to the current excavation work; and
- (e) whether the Government has any scheme to provide opportunities for students, researchers or volunteers to participate in the excavation work or related projects?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The Government of India had given approval to Department of Archaeology and Museums, Govt. of Tamil Nadu for conducting archaeological excavation at Marungur archaeological site in Cuddalore district, Tamil Nadu which has been completed.
- (b) Archaeological evidences of early historical period were unearthed during the excavation.
- (c) Antiquities belonging to early historical period such as antimony rods, bangles; nails and arrow head of iron; beads of agate, carnelian and glass; gamesmen, hopscotches, beads of terracotta; polished axes and quern of stone, bone points, graffiti inscribed potsherds and coin of Chola period were found in excavation.  
  
Urns, and offering pots with iron implements, and stone beads were found from early historic burial site.--
- (d) Archaeological excavation was conducted in 2024 by Department of Archaeology and Museum; Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
- (e) Students from Tamil Nadu Institute of Archaeology and Museology participated in the excavation at the site.

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