

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 216
ANSWERED ON-20.07.2026

EXCAVATION OF SITES BY ASI

216 SHRI T R BAALU:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of sites where Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is doing excavation across the country along with expenditure incurred thereon and the timeline set for completion of works;
- (b) the details of historical findings discovered from the archaeological projects carried out during the last five years and scientific validations thereof; and
- (c) the details of any court orders with regard to continuance or closing of any archaeological projects during the last five years and the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The details of sites where Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is doing excavation across the country along with expenditure is given as Annexure.
- (b) The details of archaeological projects carried out during the last five years by ASI.

Year	Permission issued
2021-22	24
2022-23	31
2023	19
2024	22
2025	25
Total	121

During excavation structural remains, burials, pottery and antiquities such as coins, beads, ornaments, agricultural tools, bone objects etc. have been unearthed and as per set practice, samples are sent to various institutions for scientific validations whenever required.

- (c) There is no court order regarding the continuation or closure of any archaeological projects during the last five years.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 216 FOR 20.07.2026.

DETAILS OF ON GOING EXCAVATIONS CARRIED OUT BY ASI ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Sl. No.	Name of the site	Expenditure (As on date)
1.	Villages in Vallabhipur Taluka in Bhavnagar, District Bhavnagar, Gujarat	Rs. 93, 34,443/-
2.	Hanuman Timbo, Pachhrgam, Vallabhipur Taluka, Bhavnagar, Gujarat	
3.	Thapnath Mahadev Hill top and foothill Umralla, Gujarat	
4.	Agroha, District-Hissar, Haryana	Rs. 1,26,51,272/-
5.	Dwarka, Gujarat	Rs. 1,00,54,958/-
6.	Brahmagiri/Haneya, District- Bhitradurga, Karnataka	Rs. 9,34,259/-
7.	Sari Deul Complex, Bhubaneswar Locality, Khordha District, Odisha	Rs. 2428505/-
8.	Morabandar area of the Elephanta Island, Uran Tehsil, Raigad District, Maharashtra	Rs. 99,17,321/-
9.	Ancient site Lothal, Saragwala village, Ahmedabad District, Gujarat	Rs. 69, 34,479/-
10.	Rakhigarhi, Narnaund Tehsil, Hisar District, Haryana	Rs. 2,16,25,300/-
11.	Piprahwa (Ganwaria) Siddhartnagar Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 54,35,187/-
12.	Ashok Rock Inscription (Fort Jaugada), Pandya, Purushottampur Ganjam Odisha	Rs. 34, 51,306/-
13.	Pre-Historic Site, Janampet, Janampet Locality, Badradri Kothagudam District, Telangana	Rs. 20,00,000/-
14.	Remains of Ancient fort of Garh locally known as Raja Bali ka Garh, Balirajgarh, Madhubani District, Bihar	Rs.17,19,592/-
15.	Habitation mounds at Kumarikkalpalayam, Uthukuzhi taluk, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu	Rs. 27,30,782/-
16.	Kamalapura, Kamalapura Locality, Vijayanagara District, Karnataka	Rs. 3,09,345/-
