

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India propose to undertaken any projects for excavation to discover Indian cultural heritage; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE SHRI JAGMOHAN

(a) & (b) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has identified so far the sites of Adi Badri, Kapalmochan, Rinmochan, Thanesar, Sandhali, Kunal and Rakhigarhi ( all in Haryana), Hanumangarh, Pilibangan, Badopal and Baror (all in Rajasthan) and Dholavira (Gujarat) for excavation for the season 2003-2004 under the project of a multi-disciplinary study of the Sarasvati river and its basin. In addition, the other sites selected for excavation during the present Plan period include Warangal Fort (Andhra Pradesh), Talatalghar (Karenghar) at Sivsagar (Assam), Bhimbetka (Madhya Pradesh), Daultabad (Maharashtra), Langudi Hill (Orissa), Arikamedu (Pondicherry), the Ruined Palace of Maharana Pratap at Chavand (Rajasthan), Boxanagar (Tripura), Residency Complex at Lucknow, Lachhagir (Uttar Pradesh). The programmes that are chalked out also comprise underwater investigation off shore Mahabalipuram (Tamil Nadu) and Shipwreck off Bangaram Island in Lakshadweep.