

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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EXCAVATION OF LOST CIVILISATION
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken a decision to unearth lost civilisations and lost cities;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have set up a directorate for the same and the work has commenced under the project named 'Travels Around a lost civilisation and lost cities';
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government also plan to undertake excavation in Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) & (c) The organisational-details are being worked out. For the present, work has been undertaken through the existing branches.
- (d) & (e) The A.S.I has proposed excavation at Proto-historic site at Adichchanallur (Tuticorin) and Early historic site at Bandarpattinam (Thanjavur) in Tamil Nadu besides underwater investigation off shore at Mahabalipuram in Tamil Nadu.