

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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EXCAVATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the ongoing excavation projects in the country, State / project-wise; .
- (b) the expenditure incurred on excavation work during 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 till date; and
- (c) the details of the new sites identified by ASI for excavation in various States?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) The excavations at Daulatabad Fort, Maharashtra and Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu are ongoing excavation projects of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). These will be continued for the year 2006-2007.

(b) The expenditure incurred on excavation work during 2005-06 and 2006-07 (till date) is as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)
2005-2006 131.73
2006-07 (till date) 46.76

(c) The ASI has identified the following new sites for excavation in various states during October 2006 - September 2007 season.

- (i) Bangarh, district South Dinajpur, West Bengal
- (ii) Barabati Fort, district Cuttack, Orissa
- (iii) Chaturbujnath Nala, district Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh
- (iv) Dwarka, district Jamnagar, Gujarat
- (v) Juafardih, district Nalanda, Bihar
- (vi) Tranquebar (Tharangambadi), district Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu