

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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ANCIENT CIVILIZATION OF THE BAIDA IN DWARKA  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the ruins of the ancient civilization of the Baida Dwarka located at the sea shore in the State of Gujarat have been found;
- (b) if so, the details of the ruins out of the above that have been found into and outside of the sea;
- (c) whether the work pertaining to the preservation, research as well as other work related thereto have been carried out from the archaeological point of view with regard to the above; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) The National Institute of Oceanography,(NIO) Goa had carried out archaeological excavations on the island of Bet (Baida) Dwarka from December 2001 to January 2002.

These excavations revealed habitation datable to proto-historic period followed by historic period. Important finds from the proto-historic period include a copper fishhook, antimony rod, fragments of shell bangles and pottery (plain and painted). Carbon 14 and Thermo-luminescence dating indicate a time bracket for proto-historic habitation between 1600-1400 BC.