

**File No. T-17/12/May/19/257429-EE**  
**Government of India**  
**Archaeological Survey of India**  
**(Ministry of Culture)**  
**Exploration and Excavation Section**

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Dated:

23 MAY 2019

To,

1. Prehistory and Excavation Branches, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
2. Building Survey Project and Temple Survey Project, ASI.
3. All State Departments of Archaeology.
4. All Universities having Department of Archaeological Studies.
5. Research Institutions dealing with Archaeological Research & Studies.
6. Web Manager of ASI.

**SUBJECT: INVITING PROPOSALS FOR EXPLORATION / EXCAVATION PROGRAMME FOR THE SEASON 2019-2020 – REGARDING.**

Sir / Madam,

As you are aware, Section 24 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958 and Rules 1959 stipulates the approval of the Central Government for carrying out any archaeological excavation, which also includes exploration or any operation aimed at discovery of objects of archaeological character. In order to coordinate the excavation programme in the country all the proposals for the approval of the Central Government the same are to be submitted to the Director General, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for the consideration of the same by the Standing Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology (SC of CABA) for its recommendation. The proposals shall not be considered if terms like scientific clearance, debris clearance, trial digging, trial pit, test pit, trial trenching are used in the application.

Your attention is drawn for submitting proposals for undertaking archaeological excavation **during the field season 2019-20**, which may be forwarded to this office with full details as per the enclosed proforma, latest by **31<sup>st</sup> July 2019** for placing the same before the SC of CABA.

In case, the excavation programme is a continuation of earlier work, it shall also be mentioned indicating the work done during the last season and the scope for future planning along with a detailed report of previous season's work.

Further, the proposal shall be problem-oriented in nature and scheme of work may be envisaged for future planning as well so that each year's work may not appear as isolated venture.

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