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Government of India
Archaeological Survey of India
(Ministry of Culture)
Exploration and Excavation Section

Dharohar Bhawan,
24 Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001
Dated: 17.8.2022

To,

1. All State Departments of Archaeology.
2. All Universities
3. Research Institutions dealing with Archaeological Research & Studies.
4. Web Manager of ASI.

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS – REGARDING.

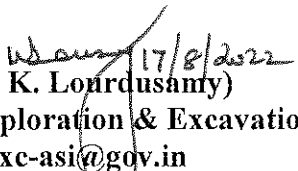
Madam/Sir,

Archaeological excavations in the country are governed by Section 21-24 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958 and rule 11-27 of AMASR Rules, 1959. Law in vogue 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 excavations programme in the country all the proposals for the approval of Central Government are to be submitted to the Director General, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). *The proposals for excavation/ exploration should follow the procedure laid down in AMASR Act, 1958. All the State Government (Department of Archaeology) should examine all such proposals submitted to them by Universities and Research Institutions and forward to ASI with their recommendation.*

Proposals for undertaking archaeological excavation may be forwarded to this office with full details as per the enclosed proforma. In case, the excavation programme is a continuation of earlier work, it shall also be mentioned indicating the work already done and the scope for future planning along with a detailed report of previous work.

It is expected that 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.

The proposals for excavation in **Protected area** shall, however, be sent to this office directly, in duplicate, in **Form II** along with a plan in triplicate **indicating the area to be excavated and marked mandatorily in red**. In case the proposed work is in continuation of the previous work, the excavated area is to be **marked mandatorily in green ink**.


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Guidelines for submission of proposal for archaeological excavation

1. The proposals must be drawn and submitted with details as given in enclosed proforma specimen including a scaled plan of the site duly marking therein area proposed to be excavated. Further, the proposed excavated area may be marked distinctly, if excavated earlier/previously.
2. The proposal should be research-oriented and aimed at filling the missing links and gaps in history with well-defined objectives.
3. The proposals may also be concentrated on salvaging of archaeological remains wherever possible keeping in view of the destruction of archaeological sites due to urbanizations, agricultural expansion, incipient industrialization and encroachment.
4. Proposals of Universities / Research Institutions should be signed by the Registrar / Head of the Institutions, respectively.
5. For excavation in areas not protected by the Central Government, the **proposal must be routed through the concerned State Government i.e. O/o the Secretary (Culture) or other department regulating Archaeology department. The proposals would be considered only if they are approved and forwarded by concerned State Governments.**
6. All the columns should be duly filled in and typewritten to ensure clarity.
7. The proposals without requisite documents as stipulated above, will be summarily rejected.
8. The collaboration with foreign nationals / Institution shall be carried out only after obtaining necessary approvals from the Government of India. It shall be ensured by the Indian Collaborators that valid pass port, research visa / permission from Ministry of Home Affairs / Ministry of External Affairs for the foreign national / an individual associated with the project is obtained well prior to the submission of the proposal.
9. Writing the excavation report is integral part of any archaeological excavation. Therefore, while submitting the proposals for excavation it should clearly be indicated whether report on the previous excavation have been prepared and brought out. The Head of the Institution and Departments shall ensure that there is no pendency in excavation reports of the concerned applicant. If the concerned applicant has pending excavation report(s) against his or her name, the application may not be forwarded.
10. The applicants who have pending excavation report against their names and those who have undertaken excavation in the previous field season are essentially required to submit an Interim Report together with complete list of antiquities found.

**Application for carrying out excavation
at areas other than protected for the year 2022-23**

1.	Name of the work (Excavation/Exploration)	:	
2.	Name and address of the applicant: Institution	:	
3.	Name of the site	:	
	Locality:		
	District:		
	State:		
	Lat: Long:		
4.	Name of Director of excavation		
5.	Experience of previous excavations (enclose brief profile)		
6.	Details of previous studies		
7.	Objectives and time-frame		
8.	Extent of the proposed excavation or operation (A plan of the site in triplicate showing in red outline the exact extent of the proposed excavation or operation to be attached)		
9.	Approximate expenditure and the anticipated funding		
10.	Composition of the team		
11.	Collaborator(s), if any (in case of foreign collaboration clearance from MEA/ MHA should be attached)		
12.	Plan for the preservation, maintenance and proper scientific storage of excavated remains and material. Approximate Expenditure and Funding		

13.	Provision for archiving photo, drawing and other documentation material pertaining to excavation/exploration	
14.	Stage of submission of the report(s) on previous excavation(s) taken up by the applicant institution	
	<i>Year</i>	<i>Name of the site</i>
		<i>Stage of publication of report</i>
15.	Stage of submission of the report(s) on previous excavation(s) taken up by the Director of excavation	
	<i>Year</i>	<i>Name of the site</i>
		<i>Stage of publication of report</i>
16.	Any other information	
	I declare that the above information is correct. I also undertake to observe the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and the rules made there under	
	Station: Date: Seal of the Institution	Signature of the applicant (if the application is on behalf of an institution, the signature should be that of the head of the institution, which term includes the Registrar of a University)
	Recommendation of the State Government	
	(No proposal would be entertained without clear recommendation of the State Government)	
	Seal of the Institution	Signature of the Competent authority (Secretary/Commissioner/Director of State Department of Concerned State)

FORM -II

Application for Licence to excavate in a Protected Area

(Vide rule 12)

- 1 Name and address of applicant
(if the application is on behalf of
an institution, the name thereof
should be given)
2. Name of the site
Locality
District
State
3. Extent of the proposed excavation
(a plan of the site in triplicate
showing in red outline the extent
of the proposed excavation to be
attached)
4. Approximate duration and date of
commencement of the proposed
excavation
5. Approximate expenditure on the
proposed excavation
6. Name and status of the director of
the proposed excavation
7. Details of photographic, surveying
and other equipments available for
the proposed excavation

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Station:

Date:

Seal of the institution

Signature of the Applicant
(if the application is on behalf of
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