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Government of India
Archaeological Survey of India

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Janpath, New Delhi-11
Dated: 1st May, 2008

To,

1. All Excavation and Prehistory Branches, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
2. Temple and Building Survey Projects, ASI.
3. All Circles, ASI.
4. All State Departments of Archaeology.
5. All Universities having Department of Ancient History, Culture and Archaeology.
6. Research Institutions dealing with Archaeology.

SUB:- INVITING PROPOSALS FOR EXPLORATION / EXCAVATION PROGRAMME FOR THE SEASON 2008-2009 – REGARDING.

Sir,

As you are aware that Section 24 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958 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, which are submitted to the Director General, ASI for the approval of the Central Government, are considered by the Standing Committee (SC) of the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology (CABA) for its recommendation.

I have the honour to draw your attention that all such proposals for undertaking archaeological excavation **during the field season 2008-09**, may be forwarded to this office with full details as per the enclosed specimen, latest by **31st July 2008** 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 scope for future planning along with a detailed report of previous season's work.

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

Proposal for excavation in the areas, which are not protected by the Central Government, **shall be submitted through the respective State Government** who in their turn, may certify that they intend to undertake or authorize the applicant to undertake archaeological excavation in the area which is not a protected area. **In the absence of such recommendation by the concerned State Government, the proposal will be liable to summary rejection and it will not be placed before the Standing Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology.** This procedure has been prescribed by the Government so as to fulfill requirements of Rule 24 of the Ancient Monument and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

Proposals for excavating a centrally protected site shall, however be sent to this office directly, in duplicate, in Form II (format enclosed) along with a plan in triplicate indicating the area to be excavated and distinctly marked in red. In case of continuation of work, the area excavated during the last season (s) shall be marked in green ink. The following points may however be kept in view while submitting the proposals:-

1. The proposals must be drawn and submitted with details as given in enclosed specimen including a plan of the site duly marking therein area proposed to be excavated during the season. Further, the excavated area may be marked distinctly.
2. The proposal should be problem-oriented and aimed at filling the missing links and gaps in Indian History and Archaeology and 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
4. A comprehensive illustrated report on the result of excavation carried out by the applicant during the last field season, as per approved programme, shall necessarily accompany the proposal. The Director General, ASI may publish this report in his report or review. In the absence of such report, the proposal for the season 2008-09 may not be considered. Such report shall also be accompanied by a detailed report on antiquity in **Forms IV** for protected sites only (copy enclosed).
5. For the excavation in the areas not protected, by the Central Government, **proposal must route through the concerned State Government**. However, an advanced copy may be submitted to the Director General, ASI.
6. In case of Universities / Research Institutions, it is necessary that the proposals should be signed by the Registrar/Head of the Institutions, respectively.
7. All such proposal should reach this office positively by **31st July, 2008** direct as well as through the concerned State Government.
8. In case the recommendation from the State Government for approval of any proposal of the University / Research Institution is not received by the **due date i.e. 31st July 2008**, the **proposals may not be placed before the SC of CABA for its scrutiny**.
9. Those who have already sent their proposals for exploration for the season **2008-09** prior to the issue of this circular will have to send it afresh as per enclosed specimen.
10. It may be noted that all the columns should be duly filled in and typewritten. To ensure clarity, handwritten applications may please be avoided.
11. Proposals received after **31st July 2008** and which lack the requirements stipulated above, will be summarily rejected.
12. The proposals shall also be submitted as a MS Power Point presentation highlighting all the features. The presentation will be made before the members of SC of CABA.

13. Details of the composition of the team and the qualifications, responsibilities and experience of each team member
14. Arrangements for collaboration with museums and other institutions, in particular scientific institutions, if any
15. Plans for post-fieldwork analysis and other activities
16. Plan for the preservation and maintenance of excavated remains and material
17. Plan for report preparation
18. Provision for proper scientific storage of the excavated materials and photo / drawing documentation
19. Programme for publication
20. Stage of submission of the report(s) on exploration (s) / excavation(s) taken up by the applicant / institution

Year	Name of the site	Stage of publication of report
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21. Brief report on work(s) carried out by the applicant / institution during the last season as per approved programme
22. Any other information
23. 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

Recommendation of the Standing Committee

Director General
Archaeological Survey of India

FORM –II

Application for Licence to excavate in a Protected Area for the field season 2007-2008

(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 out line 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

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 thereunder.

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)

