

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1633
ANSWERED ON - 15/03/2023

KASHI-TAMIL NADU SANGAMAM

1633. SHRI P. WILSON:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) reasons for not inviting Government of Tamil Nadu and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, not consulting nor involving in the events organised in the Kashi-Tamil Nadu Sangamam that took place in Varanasi;
- (b) reasons for keeping away eminent Tamil Nadu scholars and institutions from the Kashi-Tamil Nadu Sangamam;
- (c) the expenses incurred in organising the Kashi-Tamil Nadu Sangamam; and
- (d) the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (d): The support of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu was sought by the Hon'ble Education Minister for the Kashi-Tamil Sangamam programme vide D.O. letter dated 27th October, 2022. He was also requested to encourage people from all walks of life to register as delegates to visit Varanasi. Further, a number of 15 Tamil Scholars and writers from various institutions of Tamil Nadu were invited and participated in the festival. The programme was organized jointly by several Ministries and Departments like Railways, Education, Food Processing Industries, Textiles, Tourism, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi etc., besides the Government of Uttar Pradesh. Accordingly, the expenses towards the programme were spread across all these Ministries/Departments.
