

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.642**  
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2024

**ANCIENT RELIGIOUS PLACES AND TEMPLES OF TAMIL NADU**

642. DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of ancient religious places and temples of the State of Tamil Nadu protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);
- (b) whether Government is working on the schemes for protection and development of these places; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof together with the amount spent for this purpose during the last five years, year-wise and the amount proposed to be spent during the current year?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH  
EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) There are 412 ancient monuments and archaeological sites and remains including temples declared as of national importance in the State of Tamil Nadu. Details thereof are available on Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) website <https://asi.nic.in> .
- (b) ASI undertakes conservation, preservation and maintenance of monuments and sites & including temples of national importance as per requirement, priority and availability of
- (c) resources which is a continuous phenomenon.

The expenditure incurred on the said activities on ancient monuments and sites and remains of national importance in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last five years is as under:

Year	Expenditure (in crore rupees)
2018-19	8.10
2019-20	9.60
2020-21	7.25
2021-22	12.00
2022-23	19.95
Further Rs.18.00 crores has been provisioned for the current year 2023-24.	

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