

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3069**  
ANSWERED ON 19.03.2026

**HERITAGE SITES IN ERODE DISTRICT**

3069. SHRI S. KALYANASUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed conservation needs of heritage assets in Erode district, Tamil Nadu, including temple precincts near Bhavani and cultural structures requiring documentation and structural protection;
- (b) if so, the details of heritage surveys, expert visits, conservation funding, restoration approvals and monitoring actions undertaken in that district; and
- (c) the measures proposed to be taken by Government to protect heritage assets, improve routine maintenance and ensure scientific conservation practices in the said district?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) There are 412 centrally protected monuments/sites under the care and maintenance of to Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Tamil Nadu State including 01 monument i.e. Jain
- (c) Temple, Mettupudur in Erode district. ASI takes up conservation and preservation works of these monuments/sites as per the need and availability of resources subject to the National Policy for Conservation and it is a continuous process. The detail of expenditure incurred for conservation and maintenance during last three years and current year in respect of Jain Temple, Mettupudur, Erode district, Tamil Nadu is given below:

(Amount in Lakhs)

Sr. No.	Year	Expenditure incurred
1.	2022-23	4.48
2.	2023-24	1.85
3.	2024-25	4.45
4.	2025-26 (till Feb 2026)	2.89

Protection of ancient monuments/ archaeological sites and remains is a continuous process. Monuments and Sites are assessed on the basis of their archaeological, historical, and architectural significance, and those found worthy are declared as monuments/sites of national importance as per the provision of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958.

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