

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2367  
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2017**

**DEVELOPMENT OF NICHE TOURISM IN VELLORE**

**2367. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:**

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that Vellore is a hub of medical tourism and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken note that Vellore is also an educational hub and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether there are a host of places in Vellore district which are home to several archaeological monuments of tourist interest and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to develop Vellore as a place of niche tourism and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

**(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Vellore has emerged as a hub for medical tourism and education due to the presence of Christian Medical College and Hospital which also offers world class treatment. A list of Archaeological Monuments under the protection of State Archaeology Department of Tamil Nadu and Centrally protected by the Archaeological Survey of India is given in Annexure.**

**(d): Development and promotion of tourism including developing places for niche tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government/ UT Administrations. State Government of Tamil Nadu informs that there is no proposal to develop Vellore as a place of niche tourism.**

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2367 ANSWERED ON 31.07.2017 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF NICHE TOURISM IN VELLORE.**

**DETAILS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONUMENTS IN VELLORE DISTRICT UNDER CONTROL OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of monument(s)</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>District</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Arumamalai Caves</b>	<b>Malaympattu</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Vaalleswarar Temple</b>	<b>Thakoolam</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Kanja Sahib Tomb</b>	<b>Sholinghur</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Seven Mother Sculptures</b>	<b>Kodakkal</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Ceylon Tomb (Muthumandapam)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Vellore</b>

**DETAILS OF CENTRALLY PROTECTED ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONUMENTS IN VELLORE DISTRICT BY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Monument/Site</b>	<b>Locality</b>	<b>District</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Adjoining Building To The Masjid And Two Ponds.</b>	<b>Arcot</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>The Cannon</b>	<b>Arcot</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Delhi Gate</b>	<b>Arcot</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Mashid And Two Ponds In The West Of The Citadel</b>	<b>Arcot</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Ranganatha Temple</b>	<b>Erukkampattu</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Monolithic Rock Cut Temple</b>	<b>Mahendravadi</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Choleswara Temple</b>	<b>Melpadi</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Somanatha Temple</b>	<b>Melpadi</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>North Eastern Corner Of The Outer Rampart Of The Old Fort At Arcot</b>	<b>Muppaduvetti</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Rock Inscription On The Right Flank Of The Sholinghur Tank</b>	<b>Sholinghur</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Konar Temple</b>	<b>Tirumalpur</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Subramanya Temple</b>	<b>Vallimalai</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Jain Sculpture And Inscription</b>	<b>Vallimalai</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Fort</b>	<b>Vellore</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Old Mosque In The Fort</b>	<b>Vellore</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Jalkanteswara Temple</b>	<b>Vellore</b>	<b>Vellore</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Rock, Sculptures &amp; Caves</b>	<b>Vilapakkam</b>	<b>Vellore</b>

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