

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2670
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2018

Excavations in Tamil Nadu

2670 SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:
SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has allocated funds for preservation and conservation of monuments/sites of national importance in Tamil Nadu and also to conduct excavations at archaeological site Keezhadi in Tamil Nadu for the next season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the current status disposition and protection of the ancient artefacts, antiquities discovered in archaeological excavations in Tamil Nadu from Adichchanallur, Sanur, Kaveripumpattinam and other sites;
- (d) whether it is a fact that most of the artefacts and antiquities discovered are kept abandoned and left unpublished in Excavation branch at Mysore and Chennai circle office and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the list of excavation reports, memoirs and volumes published so far on archaeological excavations in Tamil Nadu by the Archaeological Survey of India?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE
FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Yes Madam. For the current financial year the Chennai Circle has been allotted an amount of & Rupees 4.5 crores for preservation and conservation of centrally protected monuments/sites in
- (b) Tamil Nadu.
No funds have been allocated by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for excavation at Keezhadi in Tamil Nadu. Licence has been given to State Archaeological Department, Government of Tamil Nadu to carry out excavation at Keezhadi.
- (c) The artifacts found during the excavations conducted by ASI, Chennai Circle are kept under the safe custody of ASI, Chennai Circle.
- (d) No Madam. The artefacts and antiquities found during the excavations conducted by ASI have been kept under the safe custody. The report writing of excavation conducted at Adichchnallur, Malayadipatti and Fort Pulicat has been initiated.
- (e) The details are given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2670 FOR 12.03.2018.

Statement showing the Archaeological Excavation carried out by the Chennai Circle

Sl. No.	Year of Excavation	Name of the excavation sites	Districts	Departments	Remark	Excavated by	Status of report
1.	1952	Sanur	Chingelpet	Southern Circle	Megalithic Site	N.R.Banerjee & K.V.Soundarajan	Ancient India II
2.	1952-53	Chengamedu	South Arcot	Southern Circle	Historical Site	Shri. N.R.Banerjee	Indian Archaeological A Review 1952-53, p.11
3.	1953-54	Pallavamedu	Kanchipuram	Southern Circle	Historical Site		Indian Archaeological A Review 1953-54, p.12
4.	1954-55	Amirthamangalam	Chingelpet	Southern Circle	Megalithic Site	Shri. N.R.Banerjee	Indian Archaeological A Review 1954-55, Pp.20-23
5.	1955-56	Kunnattur	Chingelpet	Southern Circle	Megalithic Site	Shri. V.D.Krishnasamy	Indian Archaeological A Review 1955-56, p.23
6.	1956-57	Kunnattur	Chingelpet	Southern Circle	Megalithic Site	Shri. V.D.Krishnasamy	Indian Archaeological A Review 1956-57, Pp.31-34
7.	1957-58	Kunnattur	Chingelpet	Southern Circle	Megalithic Site	Shri. V.D.Krishnasamy	Indian Archaeological A Review 1957-58, Pp.37-38
8.	1962-63	Kanchipuram	Chingalput	Southern Circle	Historical Site	Shri. R.Subramanian	Indian Archaeological A Review 1962-63, p.12
9.	1962-63	Kaveripattinam	Thanjavur	Southern Circle	Early Historical Site	Shri. S.R.Rao	Indian Archaeological A Review 1962-63, p.13
10.	1963-64	Kaveripattinam	Thanjavur	Southern Circle	Early Historical Site	Shri. S.R.Rao	Indian Archaeological A Review 1963-64, p.20
11.	1964-65	Paiyampalli	North Arcot	Southern Circle	Neolithic Site	Shri. S.R.Rao	Indian Archaeological A Review 1964-65, Pp.22-23
12.	1964-65	Kaveripattinam	Thanjavur	Southern Circle	Early Historical Site	Shri. S.R.Rao	Indian Archaeological A Review 1964-65, Pp.24-25
13.	1965-66	Kaveripattinam	Thanjavur	Southern Circle	Early Historical Site	Shri. Krishna Deva	Indian Archaeological A Review 1965-66, Pp.24-25

14.	1966-67	Karaikadu	South Arcot	Surveyed by Dr. Yves Martin of the Institute de Physique du globe, paris, and excavation carried out by Southern circle.	Historical Site	Shri. K.V.Raman	Indian Archaeological A Review 1964-65, p.21
15.	1966-67	Kaveripattinam	Thanjavur	Southern Circle	Early Historical Site	Shri. K.V.Raman	Indian Archaeological A Review 1964-65, p.21
16.	1970-71	Perur	Coimbatore	Southern Circle	Megalithic Site	Shri. K.V. Soundrarajan	Indian Archaeological A Review 1970-71, Pp.33-34
17.	1970-71	Malayamputtu	North Arcot	Southern Circle	Megalithic Site	Shri. K.V. Soundrarajan	Indian Archaeological A Review 1970-71, Pp.34-35
18.	1970-71	Kaveripattinam	Thanjavur	Southern Circle	Early Historical Site	Shri. K.V. Soundrarajan	Indian Archaeological A Review 1970-71, p.35, <u>Soundarajan</u> , K 1994 Kaveripattinam 1963-73 A Port city of the Tamil Nadu Coast, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi
19.	1970-71	Ukkirankottai	Thirunelveli	Southern Circle	Historical Site	Shri. K.V. Soundrarajan	Indian Archaeological A Review 1970-71, p.35
20.	1972-73	Kaveripattinam	Thanjavur	Southern Circle	Early Historical Site	Shri. K.V. Raman	Indian Archaeological A Review 1972-73, Pp.32-33
21.	1973-74	Nanganallur	Madras	Southern Circle	Historical Site	Shri. K.V. Soundrarajan	Indian Archaeological A Review 1973-74, p.24
22.	1973-74	Gingee fort	Soth Arcot	Southern Circle	Historical Site	Shri. K.V. Soundrarajan	Indian Archaeological A Review 1973-74, p.25

23.	1973-74	Kaveripattinam	Thanjavur	Southern	Early	Shri. K.V.	Indian
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				Circle	Historical Site	Soundrarajan	Archaeological A Review 1973-74, p.25, Soundarajan, K 1994 Kaveripattinam 1963-73 A Port city of the Tamil Nadu Coast, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi
24.	1976-77	T .Kallupatti	Madurai	Southern Circle	Middle Paleolithic Site	Shri. L.K. Srinivasan,	Indian Archaeological A Review 1976-77, Pp.46-47
25.	1978-79	Mottur	North Arcot	Southern Circle	Megalithic Site	Shri. L.K. Srinivasan	Indian Archaeological A Review 1978-79, Pp.72-73
26.	1979-80	T .Kallupatti	Madurai	Southern Circle	Microlithic – Megalithic site	Shri. L.K. Srinivasan	Indian Archaeological A Review 1979-80, Pp.40-41
27.	1982-83	Kambarmedu	Thanjavur	Southern Circle	Historical Site	Shri. C.L.Suri	Indian Archaeological A Review 1982-83, p.72
28.	1983-84	Kambarmedu	Thanjavur	Southern Circle	Historical Site	Shri. P. Narayana Babu	Indian Archaeological A Review 1983-84, Pp.78-79
29.	1984-85	Auroville	South Arcot	Southern Circle	Megalithic Site	Shri. P. Narayana Babu	Indian Archaeological A Review 1984-85, p.77
30.	1985-86	Auroville	South Arcot	Southern Circle	Megalithic Site	Shri. P. Narayana Babu	Indian Archaeological A Review 1985-86, Pp.70-71
31.	1985-86	Darasuram	Thanjavur	Southern Circle	Historical Site	Shri. P. Narayana Babu	Indian Archaeological A Review 1985-86, p.71
32.	1986-87	Darasuram	Thanjavur	Madras Circle	Historical Site	Shri. K.P.Poonacha	Indian Archaeological A Review 1985-86, p.72
33.	1990-91	Mamallapuram	Kanchipuram	Madras Circle	Historical Site	Shri. B. Narasimhaiah	Indian Archaeological A Review 1990-91, p.62-63
34.	1993-94	Gingee	Villupuram	Madras Circle	Historical Site	Shri. B. Narasimhaiah	Indian Archaeological A Review 1993-94, Pp.98-100
35.	1994-95	Gingee	Villupuram	Madras Circle	Historical Site	Shri. B. Narasimhaiah	Indian Archaeological A Review 1994-95, Pp.67-69

36.	1995-96	Gingee	Villupuram	Chennai Circle	Historical Site	Shri. B. Narasimhaiah	Indian Archaeological A Review 1995-96,
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37.	1997-98	Mamallapuram	Kanchipuram	Chennai Circle	Historical Site	Shri. K.T. Narasimhan	Indian Archaeological A Review 1997-98, p.156
38.	1998-99	Mamallapuram	Kanchipuram	Chennai Circle	Historical Site	Shri. K.T. Narasimhan	Indian Archaeological A Review 1998-99, Pp.155-56
39.	1999-2000	Mamallapuram (Shore Temple)	Kanchipuram	Chennai Circle	Historical Site	Shri. K.T. Narasimhan	Indian Archaeological A Review 1998-99, Pp.148-49
40.	2001-02	Fort Gingee	Villupuram	Chennai Circle	Historical Site	Shri. K.T. Narasimhan	Indian Archaeological A Review 2001-02
41.	2002-03	Fort Gingee	Villupuram	Chennai Circle	Historical Site	Shri. K.T. Narasimhan	Indian Archaeological A Review 2002-03
42.	2003-04	Dutch Fort, Sadaras	Kanchipuram	Chennai Circle	Historical Site	Shri. K.T. Narasimhan	Indian Archaeological A Review 2003-04
43.	2003-04	Adichchnallur	Thoothukudi	Chennai Circle	Megalithic Site	Shri. T.Sathyamurthy	Indian Archaeological A Review 2003-04
44.	2004-05	Adichchnallur	Thoothukudi	Chennai Circle	Megalithic Site	Shri. T.Sathyamurthy	Indian Archaeological A Review 2004-05
45.	2005-06	Saluvankuppam	Kanchipuram	Chennai Circle	Historical Site	Shri. T.Sathyamurthy & Smt. Sathyabhama Badhreenath	Saluvankuppam Excavations (2005-2007) Sathyabhama Badhreenath (2015), Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi
46.	2006-07	Saluvankuppam	Kanchipuram	Chennai Circle	Historical Site	Smt. Sathyabhama Badhreenath	Saluvankuppam Excavations (2005-2007) Sathyabhama Badhreenath (2015), Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi
47.	2007-08	Siruthavur	Kanchipuram	Chennai Circle	Megalithic Site	Smt. Sathyabhama Badhreenath	Excavations at Siruthavur (2008) Sathyabhama Badhreenath (2011), Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi

48.	2010-11	Malaiyadipatti	Pudukottai	Chennai Circle	Pre- Historic Site	Shri. Ramesh S. Mulimani	Report writing is in progress.
49.	2013-2014	Fort at Pulicat	Thiruvallur	Chennai Circle	Historical site	Dr.G.Maheshwari	Excavation is in progress