

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2891
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023**

AMOUNT SPENT ON PRESERVATION OF FORTS IN TAMIL NADU

2891. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of historically significant forts across the country, especially in Tamil Nadu, are in dilapidated condition;
- (b) if so, the details of works undertaken by Government for the maintenance and preservation of the forts, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the persons/agencies appointed for this work;
- (d) whether these persons/agencies have knowledge/experience of maintenance/preservation of the forts; and
- (e) the details of total amount spent by Government for the maintenance of forts during the last three years, year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has 14 forts under its jurisdiction in the State of & Tamil Nadu. There is no fort in dilapidated condition under the jurisdiction of ASI in the country including Tamil Nadu. The conservation and preservation of these forts are taken up as per the requirement and availability of resources and they are in good state of preservation.
- (b) ASI follows its guidelines for the conservation of protected monuments/sites including & forts as per the National Conservation Policy, 2014. Conservation works are carried out by in house staff of ASI.
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- (e) The details of expenditure incurred for the maintenance of 14 forts in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years are given as under:-

(Amount in Crore.)

S. No.	Year	Expenditure
1.	2020-21	1.51
2.	2021-22	2.13
3.	2022-23	5.93