

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.: 1334
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2020

PROMOTION OF HERITAGE TOURISM IN VILUPPURAM

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Viluppuram district is rich with a number of heritage sites with 13 ancient sites which are being managed by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is encouraging heritage tourism to popularize the importance of such sites and also to provide employment to the local people;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to prepare a roadmap to encourage Heritage tourism in Viluppuram district of Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) & (b) There are 20 monuments/ sites declared as of national importance in Viluppuram district. A copy of list is given at Annexure
- (c) Visitor amenities like drinking water, toilets, signages, cultural notice boards, sitting benches, ramps, etc. are provided at monuments to enhance visitors experience at the site.
- (d) At present there is no such proposal with Archaeological Survey of India.
- (e) Question does not arise.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) and (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1334 FOR 10.02.2020

LIST OF MONUMENTS/ SITES DECLARED AS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE IN VILUPPURAM DISTRICT

Sl. No.	Name of the Monument/ Site	Locality
1	Rock cut Pallava Temple	Dalavanur
2	Fortress comprising hill and fort on the Rajagiri, the inner and the Lower fort and the lines of fortifications connecting the Rajagiri, Krishnagiri and Chakkilidurg (Orme's St. George's mountain) hill	Gingee
3	In the minor and lower fort (a) (i) Inner fort, Venugopala temple called "Bajanai Kudam" with large polished slab and five carved figures in three panels, a granary, a gymnasium, Kalyana Mahal (ii) Stables and barracks, the remains of Mahabut Khan's mosque (iii) Annaikulam tank (b) Lower fort, Chakkarikulam and Chettikulam ponds, a dies with two idols representing Kamalakanni Ammal and with two symbols of serpent god, the masonry platform of Desings funeral pyre and his girl wife's sati, idol of Hanuman	Gingee
4	Old Jail near Pondicherry gate and two Persian inscriptions on the outer face of the last two bastions in the South of the eastern wall of the inner fort	Gingee
5	Saad-at-alla Khan's mosque with Persian inscriptions, on Pondicherry gate (A.D. 1713)	Gingee
6	On the Rajagiri - Two granaries, a magazine, flagstaff, Ranganatha, temple, Kamalakanniamman temple and the sacrificial slab in front of it, a big cannon, a treasury and the audience hall on the Rajagiri	Gingee
7	Two granaries, well for storing ghee,, well for storing oil, two temples and an audience chamber on the Krishnagiri	Gingee
8	Venkataramana Temple with inscriptions in Tamil, Prisoner's well	Gingee
9	Pallava Rock-cut shrine	Kilmavilangai
10	Rock cut Pallava Temple	Mandagapattu
11	Outside the fort:- (1) Pattabirama Temple (2) Twelve-pillared Mandapa	Narasingarayan pettai
12	Twenty four Jain figures in two rows, a standing nude figure, two fragments of a sitting figure and two inscriptions on Tirunathankannu	Sirukadambur

13	Vinnamparai rock containing Pallava inscriptions	Thondur
14	Talagiriswara Temple and a Cave containing an image of Durga and Pallava inscriptions together with adjacent-land comprised in Survey plot No.396	Panamalai
15	Sri Azhagiya Narasimma 242.Perumal Temple	Ennayiram
16	Sri Pataleswara Temple	Brahmadesam
17	Sri Brahmapuriswara Temple	Brahmadesam
18	Megalithic cairns with stone circles	Sengamedu
19	Megalithic stone circles	Tiruvakkarai
20	Urn burial site	Kadagampattu