

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 977
TO BE ANSWERED ON - 08.02.2021

NEW CIRCLES OF ASI

977. SHRI VELUSAMY:
SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Ministry has announced seven new circles of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of places selected in Tamilnadu?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) *Yes, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India, an attached office of Ministry of Culture, Government of India vide Notification dated 27.8.2020 established Six new Circles by bifurcation of its existing Circles as per details given below:-*

1. *Rajkot Circle, Gujarat – by bifurcation of Vadodara Circle.*
2. *Jabalpur Circle, Madhya Pradesh – by bifurcation of Bhopal Circle.*
3. *Tiruchirappalli (Trichy) Circle, Tamil Nadu – by bifurcation of Chennai & Thrissur Circle.*
4. *Meerut Circle, Uttar Pradesh – by bifurcation of Agra circle*
5. *Jhansi Circle, Uttar Pradesh – by bifurcation of Lucknow Circle.*
6. *Raiganj Circle, West Bengal – by bifurcation of Kolkata Circle.*

In addition Hampi Mini-Circle has been upgraded as full-fledged Circle.

(c) Tiruchirappalli (Trichy) Circle, Tamil Nadu.
