

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2898
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.3.2022

ILLEGAL ENCROACHMENT OF TEMPLES

†2898. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Hindu temples registered in the south India;
- (b) the number of temples which are being managed by the Government and private parties separately;
- (c) the number of temples in south India facing illegal encroachment;
- (d) the details of instructions given by the Government to the State Governments for removing any such illegal encroachments from these temples;
- (e) whether the said instructions have been complied with; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are 1097 ancient monuments and sites which have been declared as Centrally & Protected in the States/UT of Andhra Pradesh (135), Karnataka (506), Kerala (29),
- (b) Pudduchery (07), Tamil Nadu (412) and Telangana (08). Out of these 448 are Temples.
- (c) The details of temples which are Centrally Protected Monuments where encroachments are reported, are at **Annexure**.
- (d) Wherever encroachment is reported, notice is given to the defaulter to remove the same; failing which, Demolition Order is issued as per provisions of the Ancient
- (f) Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 with request to Commissioner or Collector to cause demolition of the encroachment.

Annexure

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED
QUESTION NO. 2898 FOR 21.03.2022**

Sl. No.	Name of Monument (Temple)	Locality	District	State
1	Gowrishwara Temple	Yelandur	Camarajanagar	Karnataka
2	Virupaksha Temple	Hampi	Bellary	Karnataka
3	Dhenuipuriswara Temple	Madambakkam	Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu
4	Siva (Erumbeswaraswami) Temple	Tiruverumbur	Tiruchirapally	Tamil Nadu
5	Large Siva Temple (Apathsahayeswara Temple)	Thenneri	Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu
6	Airavateswara Temple	Chattram- Darasuram	Thanjavur	Tamil Nadu