

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3534
ANSWERED ON-11.08.2025

ESTABLISHMENT OF MUSEUM IN TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

3534. SHRI DURAI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that while Tiruchirappalli has a well-established district museum under the State Department of Museums, there is no separate Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) maintained museum in the city, despite the creation of a dedicated ASI Trichy Circle in 2020 to manage heritage assets in the region;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans to establish an ASI operated museum or gallery in Trichy to display artefacts, inscriptions, and heritage collections from the numerous ASI-protected monuments in the Trichy sub-circle;
- (c) whether ASI intends to construct a site museum or interpretative centre in Tiruchirappalli and integrate local underexplored sites from the Trichy list; and
- (d) if so, the timeline, funding provisions, and collaboration with the State Government or local heritage bodies to establish such a museum and enrich cultural tourism and education?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Tiruchirappalli has a district museum under the State Department of Museums, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
- (b) & (c) At present, there is no such proposal in Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to create a museum. However, ASI created a dedicated Trichy Circle to protect, conserve monuments and the antiquarian wealth. ASI has recently developed the excavated archaeological site at Adichanallur, where excavated remains are provided with glass coverings and shed, under the Trichy Circle.
- (d) Question does not arise.
