

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3980  
ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

**ESTABLISHMENT OF CULTURAL AUDITORIUM IN SRIRANGAM**

3980. SHRI DURAI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Srirangam in Tiruchirappalli, being a renowned cultural and spiritual centre, lacks a dedicated auditorium or cultural complex managed by the South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC) for hosting traditional art forms, music, dance and festivals;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish a permanent cultural auditorium or open-air theatre under SZCC in Srirangam to promote and preserve the region's vibrant cultural heritage;
- (c) whether land or infrastructure support will be provided through coordination with the State Government or Tiruchirappalli City Corporation;
- (d) if so, the proposed features, funding mechanism and timeline for establishing such a facility; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to ensure regular programming, artisan fairs, youth festivals and cultural tourism events in Srirangam to strengthen local livelihoods and inter-cultural exchange?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC), Thanjavur, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture, has been set up by Government of India to preserve, promote and protect various forms of folk arts and culture of its member States including the State of Tamil Nadu (Tiruchirappalli) by organizing various cultural activities and programmes on regular basis.

There is no dedicated auditorium or cultural complex managed by SZCC, Thanjavur.

(b) to (d) No such proposal is under the consideration of Government of India.

(e) To ensure regular programming, artisan fairs, youth festivals and cultural tourism events, SZCC organizes various cultural activities and programmes in its member States including Srirangam (Tamil Nadu).

To strengthen local livelihoods and inter-cultural exchange, SZCC (Thanjavur) conducts every year Vaikunda Ekadesi Festival at Srirangam temple in collaboration with the Art & Culture Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu. The Kambaramayan festival was also organized by SZCC during 2025 at Srirangam, Trichirapalli, Tamil Nadu where various cultural performances were held.

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