

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*117**  
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025

**DELISTING OF MEGALITHIC SITES IN TAMIL NADU**

\*117 DR.T.SUMATHY ALIAS THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:  
THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that out of 400 plus centrally protected Archaeological Monuments/ Sites under both Chennai and Tiruchirappalli circles in Tamil Nadu nearly 157 are megalithic monuments of different types and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is true that some of the megalithic sites that were identified during the British rule are now completely untraceable due to extensive agriculture, rapid urbanization and infrastructure developments and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has conducted any recent survey to trace and record the list of such megalithic sites that got vanished and no longer considered a protected Monument/Site, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has received any plea for delisting of the megalithic sites in Tamil Nadu which were lost/vanished due to urbanization and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for delisting of vanished megalithic sites from the list of centrally protected monuments/sites under section 35 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958; and
- (f) the current status and live condition of the megalithic sites located at Guduvancheri, Nanmangalam, Pallavaram, Perungalathur, Sembakkam, Sittalapakkam, St.Thomas Mount Tiruneermalai, Tirisulam, Vallanjeri and Vandalur in Tamil Nadu?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 117\* FOR 08.12.2025. RAISED BY DR.T.SUMATHY  
ALIAS THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN: THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND: HON'BLE  
MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING DELISTING OF MEGALITHIC SITES IN  
TAMIL NADU**

- (a) There are 412 ancient monuments and archaeological sites of national importance in the State of Tamil Nadu under the jurisdiction of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), covering both the Chennai and Tiruchirappalli Circles. Out of these, 158 are megalithic monuments of different types. The circle-wise details are at **Annexure**.
- (b) None of the megalithic sites notified as monuments/ areas of national importance have become untraceable.
- (c) Question does not arise.
- (d) The Government has received certain representations from individuals and Residents' Welfare Associations seeking withdrawal of protection notifications in respect of some megalithic sites. Which are as follows-
  - 1. Representation of Sh. Kishore Vaangal dated 11-4-2025 in respect of Megalithic Cists and Cairns, Ezhichur, District Kanchipuram.
  - 2. Representation of Sembakkam Region Residents' Welfare Association dated 8-11-2024 in respect of Megalithic Cists and Cairns, Sembakam, District Kanchipuram.
- (e) Question does not arise.
- (f) The megalithic sites at Guduvancheri, Nanmangalam, Pallavaram, Perungalathur, Sembakkam, Sittalapakkam, St. Thomas Mount, Tiruneermalai, Trisulam, Vallanjeri and Vandalur have been adversely affected by rapid urbanization and related developmental activities, resulting in encroachments and unauthorized constructions within the Protected, Prohibited and Regulated Areas. ASI has issued stop-work and show-cause notices against such violations in accordance with the AMASR Act, 1958 (as amended in 2010) and the relevant Rules. The cases have also been forwarded to the concerned District Authorities and Local Police for necessary action, and regularly monitored to prevent further unauthorized activities.

**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. \*117 FOR 08.12.2024.**

**MEGALITHIC MONUMENTS OF DIFFERENT TYPES, IN THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU**

<b>SL. NO.</b>	<b>NAME OF THE MONUMENT</b>	<b>LOCALITY</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
1.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Agaram	Chengalpattu
2.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Amur	Chengalpattu
3.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns in group	Araiypakkam	Chengalpattu
4.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Atcharavakkam	Chengalpattu
5.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists	Edakunram	Chengalpattu
6.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Gudalur	Chengalpattu
7.	Cairns in the Forest Reserve at the foot of the Perumbair hills	Kadamalaiputhur	Chengalpattu
8.	Group of Cairns	Kadapperi	Chengalpattu
9.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Kalanipakkam	Chengalpattu
10.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Kalvay	Chengalpattu
11.	Cists and Cairns	Kannakapattu	Chengalpattu
12.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with Bounding stone circles	Kandalur	Chengalpattu
13.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with stone circles	Kattuputhur	Chengalpattu
14.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists with stone circles	Kilambakkam	Chengalpattu
15.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Madayattur	Chengalpattu
16.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Mailai	Chengalpattu
17.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Mampattu	Chengalpattu
18.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Manamai	Chengalpattu
19.	Large groups megalithic Cists and Cairns	Melkottaiyur	Chengalpattu
20.	A Group of Cairns	Nanmangalam	Chengalpattu
21.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists	Nedungundram	Chengalpattu
22.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists	Ottivakkam	Chengalpattu
23.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Ottiyambakkam	Chengalpattu
24.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists showing clear structural Postures	Pallavaram	Chengalpattu
25.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Perumbakkam	Chengalpattu
26.	Megalithic Cists with stone circles circumscribed	Perungalattur	Chengalpattu
27.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with stone circles	Ponmar	Chengalpattu
28.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Pundi	Chengalpattu
29.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists	Sanur	Chengalpattu
30.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists	Sembakkam	Chengalpattu
31.	Group of Cairns	Senkunram	Chengalpattu
32.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Sirudavur	Chengalpattu
33.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Sittalapakkam	Chengalpattu
34.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Thandalam	Chengalpattu
35.	Group of Cairns	Tiruneermalai	Chengalpattu
36.	Megalithic cist	Tiruneermalai	Chengalpattu
37.	Vast area of megalithic Cists and Cairns covering the entire hill with the temple of	Tiruporur	Chengalpattu

	Kailasanatha		
38.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Vaiyavur	Chengalpattu
39.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists with stone circles	Vallanjeri	Chengalpattu
40.	Megalithic cist	Vandalur	Chengalpattu
41.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Virapuram	Chengalpattu
42.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Agaram	Chengalpattu
43.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Alattur	Chengalpattu
44.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Anur	Chengalpattu
45.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists with stone circles	Ayyanjeri	Chengalpattu
46.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists with stone circles	Guduvancheri	Chengalpattu
47.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Kalathur	Chengalpattu
48.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Kottamedu	Chengalpattu
49.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Kumili	Chengalpattu
50.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists with bounding stone circles	Kunnavakkam	Chengalpattu
51.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists with stone circles	Kuruvanmedu	Chengalpattu
52.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Malaivaiyavur	Chengalpattu
53.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Musipakkam	Chengalpattu
54.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with stone circles	Naduvakkarai	Chengalpattu
55.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with stone circles	Nandivaram	Chengalpattu
56.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with bounding stone circles	Nattam	Chengalpattu
57.	Megalithic Cists and ciarns	Nellikuppam	Chengalpattu
58.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with stone cirles	Olalur	Chengalpattu
59.	MagalithicCists and Cairns	Padur	Chengalpattu
60.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with stone circles	Palliyagaram	Chengalpattu
61.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Paranur	Chengalpattu
62.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Porundavakkam	Chengalpattu
63.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Pudupakkam	Chengalpattu
64.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns bounded with stone circles	Pulipakkam	Chengalpattu
65.	Megalithic Cists circumscribed by stone circles	Rajakulipettai	Chengalpattu
66.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with stone circles	Royalpattu	Chengalpattu
67.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns in virgin state	Sastirampakkam	Chengalpattu
68.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists	Sembakkam	Chengalpattu
69.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns intact with stone circles	Settipuniyam	Chengalpattu
70.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Sirukunram	Chengalpattu
71.	Urn Burial and Megalithic Site	St. Thomas Mount	Chengalpattu
72.	Sarcophagi and urns spread over a wide area; traces of Megalithic Cists and circles	Tirusulam	Chengalpattu
73.	Megalithic graveyard	Tiruvadisulam	Chengalpattu
74.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Unamanjeri	Chengalpattu
75.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with stone circles	Vedanarayana puram	Chengalpattu
76.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Vembedu	Chengalpattu
77.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Vengur	Chengalpattu

78.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with stone circles	Venkitapuram	Chengalpattu
79.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with stone circles	Venpakkam	Chengalpattu
80.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with stone circles	Venpakkam	Chengalpattu
81.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Pammadukulam	Chennai
82.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Pottur, Ambattur	Chennai
83.	Prehistoric settlement site coeval with Megalithic period	Pulal, Ambattur	Chennai
84.	Mandapakadu	Chettipalayam	Coimbatore
85.	Dolmens near Palamalai (attached to Adukkam village)	Adukkam	Dindigul
86.	Dolmens in Machur	Pannaikadu	Dindigul
87.	Dolmens near Machur	Pannaikadu	Dindigul
88.	Dolmens near Talayar river on the top of a hill in Pannaikudu village	Pannaikadu	Dindigul
89.	Dolmens in Vilpatti village	Vilpatti	Dindigul
90.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with bounding stone circles	Echchur	Kanchipuram
91.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Elutchur	Kanchipuram
92.	Megalithic Cairns and cist	Erumaiyur	Kanchipuram
93.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with bounding stone circles	Gunduperumbedu	Kanchipuram
94.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists	Karanithangal,	Kanchipuram
95.	Megalithic cist and Cairns with stone circles on the hill	Kunnattur	Kanchipuram
96.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with bounding stone circles	Maganiyam	Kanchipuram
97.	Megalithic Cists&Cairns with Bounding stone circles	Malaipattu	Kanchipuram
98.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Nandambakkam	Kanchipuram
99.	Megalithic cist and Cairns	Perunagar	Kanchipuram
100.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Settupattu	Kanchipuram
101.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with stone circles in excellent preservation	Sirukalattur	Kanchipuram
102.	Dolmen intact	Uttiramerur	Kanchipuram
103.	Megalithic cist Cairns with bounding stone circles	Vadamangalam	Kanchipuram
104.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists	Venpakkam	Kanchipuram
105.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists	Palayasivaram	Kanchipuram
106.	Megalithic Cairns with stone circles and sarcophagi	Sikkarayapuram	Kanchipuram
107.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists	Tattanur	Kanchipuram
108.	Megalithic Cairns and Cists	Vadakkupattu	Kanchipuram
109.	Cromlechs	Kadamalaiputhur	Kanchipuram
110.	Group of sculptured dolmens in Banagudi Shola of Jakkanarai, a hamlet of Kotagiri	Banagudisholai (Melkudah)	Nilgiris
111.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Karai	Perambalur
112.	The dolmens and Cairns	Amburapatti	Pudukkottai
113.	The site locally known as "Kuranguppattarai" (Prehistoric burial site)	Ammachatram	Pudukkottai

114.	The Prehistoric burials, stone circles and menheirs	Annavasal	Pudukkottai
115.	The dolmens in the right flank of Chokkanathamkanmoi	Chokkanathanpatti	Pudukkottai
116.	The dolmens near 9/6 mile on road No. 22, Kiranur - Killukottai	Kilaiyur	Pudukkottai
117.	The Pre-historic burial sites	Melur	Pudukkottai
118.	The dolmens	Mootampatti	Pudukkottai
119.	The old burial sites in the three groups 1. Pappankulamwaterspread, Vathanakkurichi Tumbakkulamwaterspread, Vathanakkurichi Tumbakkulamwaterspread, Narangianpatti	Narangianpatti	Pudukkottai
120.	The dolmens	Perungalur	Pudukkottai
121.	Prehistoric dolmens	Peyal	Pudukkottai
122.	The dolmens and the Ayyanar image	Poyyamani and Virudapatti	Pudukkottai
123.	The prehistoric burials	Puttambur	Pudukkottai
124.	The Prehistoric burial sites	Sathiyamangalam	Pudukkottai
125.	The cairns and urns in Kallukulam	Sendakudi	Pudukkottai
126.	The dolmens and urns	Sengalur	Pudukkottai
127.	The Dolmens in Annavasalvattam	Sittannavasal	Pudukkottai
128.	The Dolmens known as Kurangupattarai	Thayinipatti	Pudukkottai
129.	The prehistoric burials	Thekkattur	Pudukkottai
130.	The Kalasakkadu Burial sites	Tirukkattalai	Pudukkottai
131.	The group of dolmens near CholiswaraUdayar temple	Tiruppur	Pudukkottai
132.	The Prehistoric Burial Sites	Vadagupatti	Pudukkottai
133.	The old burial sites in the three groups Pappankulamwaterspread, Vathanakkurichi Tumbakkulamwaterspread, Vathanakkurichi Tumbakkulamwaterspread, Narangianpatti	Vathanakkurichi	Pudukkottai
134.	The Prehistoric burial sites	Vilapatti	Pudukkottai
135.	Adichanallur Prehistoric Remains	Adichanallur	Thoothukudi
136.	Adichanallur Prehistoric Remains	Kalvoi	Thoothukudi
137.	Adichanallur Prehistoric Remains	Karungulam	Thoothukudi
138.	Ancient Site	Kunnathur	Tirunelveli
139.	Prehistoric sites popularly known as "Pandava graves"	Kanyampundi	Tiruppur
140.	Urn Burials	Amirthamangalam	Tiruvallur
141.	Megalithic Cists	Chedalpakkam	Tiruvallur
142.	Megalithic Cairns and Barrows	Neyveli	Tiruvallur
143.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Pondavakkam	Tiruvallur
144.	Megalithic Cairns Bounding with stone circles	Vanamalli	Tiruvallur
145.	Virgin group containing many barrows	Attanthangal	Tiruvallur

	excellently preserved		
146.	Urn Burials	Palavakkam	Tiruvallur
147.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns with Bounding stone circles	Panchali (Agarambedu Hamlet)	Tiruvallur
148.	Cairns site	Sengari	Tiruvallur
149.	Megalithic Cairns with Bounding stone circles	Siruvadu	Tiruvallur
150.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Tadipadi	Tiruvallur
151.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Nedungal	Tiruvannamalai
152.	Megalithic Cists	Tellur	Tiruvannamalai
153.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Tetturai	Tiruvannamalai
154.	Megalithic Cists and Cairns	Venkunnam	Tiruvannamalai
155.	Site containing megalithic burials including the monolithic anthropomorphic figure erected at the site	Mottur	Tiruvannamalai
156.	Urn Burial site	Kadagampattu	Villupuram
157.	Megalithic Cairns with stone circles	Sengamedu	Villupuram
158.	Megalithic stone circles	Tiruvakkarai	Villupuram

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