

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1254
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025

CULTURAL PRESERVATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES OF PUDUCHERRY

1254. SHRI VE VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that Puducherry, a Union Territory with French colonial heritage still lacks a comprehensive cultural preservation programme for conserving its heritage buildings, archaeological remains and Indo-French architectural sites many of which are deteriorating due to neglect, urban encroachment and inadequate restoration efforts;
- (b) if so, the details of projects proposed under the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) There are 07 nos. of centrally protected monuments/sites under the jurisdiction of to Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Puducherry Union Territory. Conservation,
- (c) preservation and maintenance of these centrally protected monuments/sites is a continuous process and is taken up as per the requirement and availability of resources. All the monuments are in a good state of preservation. There are no projects proposed under the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities in Puducherry.