

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2665**  
ANSWERED ON 09.03.2026

**ESTABLISHMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM AT TIRUCHIRAPPLI**

2665. SHRI DURAI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Tiruchirappalli, particularly Uraiyur was a historically significant city and served as the capital of the ancient Chola dynasty;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish a modern, well-equipped archaeological museum in Tiruchirappalli under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Tiruchirappalli Circle to preserve and showcase the region's rich cultural and archaeological heritage;
- (c) whether the Government likely to take steps to establish such a museum if suitable land is allotted by the District Administration;
- (d) if so, the details and proposed timeline thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Uraiyur located near Tiruchirappalli in the State of Tamil Nadu served as the capital city of Early Cholas.
- (b) At present no such proposal is under consideration with Archaeological Survey of India.
- (c)to (e) Question does not arise.

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