

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5846**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2026

**DEVELOPMENT OF MONUMENTS IN TRICHY CIRCLE**

**5846. SHRI MATHESWARAN V S:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of development or construction activities undertaken in Trichy circle of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Tamil Nadu, during the period from 2019 to till date, monument-wise; and
- (b) the details of area of ASI land under encroachment in Trichy Circle of ASI, along with steps taken by ASI to free the encroachment, monument wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The details of development and construction activities undertaken in Trichy circle of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Tamil Nadu, From 2019 to till date, monument-wise are given at Annexure-I
- (b) The details of area of ASI land under encroachment in Trichy Circle of ASI are given at Annexure-II. The District Administration and Police Authorities have been requested to take action to remove the illegal encroachments.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5846 FOR 30.03.2026.**

**Details of development works undertaken by ASI, Trichy circle from 2019 till date**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of the monument</b>	<b>Work description</b>
1.	Dolmens at Vilpatti	Fencing work
2.	Uttamanathasvami Siva Temple, Kiranur	Providing MS grill fencing
3.	Siva Temple. , Panangudi	Fencing work.
4.	Jain idol and the remains of the Jain temple., Letchumanpatti,	Fencing work.
5.	Jain Theerthankara images now lying in the dry lands to the north-east of Alangudipatti hamlet.,Puliyur	Fencing work.
6.	The Kailasanatha Temple., Vellanur,	Providing dwarf wall and fencing
7.	A Big gun known as ‘Rajagopal’ in the east Rampart and the bastion.,Thanjavur	Providing PNB, CNB
8.	Brihadisvara Temple., GangaikondaCholapuram,	Providing stone benches, installation of RO units.
9.	Prehistoric remains., Adichanallur	Providing toughened glass and shelter at the excavated site
10.	Muruganatha Temple, Tirumuruganpoondi	Fencing work
11.	Rock-cut beds under natural rock shelter in Ammanamalai or Samanarmalai.,Melakuilkudy,	Fencing works
12.	Excavated Remains of BuddhistVihara and Temple atPallanareswaram.,Melaiyur,	Construction of RR stone revetment.
13.	Airavatesvarar temple, ChatramDasuram	Providing CNB, PNB, dustbin, stone benches, installation RO, solar lights, CCTV
14.	Uttamanathaswami Siva temple, Kiranur	Providing MS grill fencing
15.	Brihadiswara Temple Gangaikondacholapuram	Providing Illumination, MS grill works

**Details of construction activities undertaken by ASI, Trichy circle from 2019 till date**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of the monument</b>	<b>Work description</b>
1.	Brihadisvara temple, Gangaikondacholapuram	Construction of Toilet block, RO Drinking water facility, Publication counter, cafeteria and development of Landscaping & Horticulture works.
2.	Brihadisvara temple, Thanjavur (Sivaganga Little fort enclosing the great temple, Thanjavur)	Construction of Toilet block, RO drinking water facilities, cafeteria, pathways and development of landscaping & provision for bore well.
3.	AR to Rock cut Jain Temple (Arivarkoil) at Sittanavasal	Construction of ticket counter, cafeteria building, RO drinking water unit, toilet block, pathway, publication sale counter, cloak room, office room, demolition of old toilet blocks and development of landscaping & provision for bore well.
4.	Muvarkoil with surrounding sub-shrines, stone enclosure and stone well on the north-east corner at Kodumbalur	Construction of ticket counter, cafeteria building, RO drinking water unit, toilet block, pathway and demolition of old toilet blocks
5.	Remains of Aivarkovil at Kodumbalur	Construction of RO drinking water unit.
6.	Sugrivesvara temple and tank at Sircarperiyapalayam	Construction of toilet block and installation of RO drinking water unit.
7.	Two rock cut temples with inscriptions in varnachimalai at Thirumalapuram	Construction of toilet block

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5846 FOR 30.03.2026.**

**The details of illegal encroachments in respect of ASI, Trichy Circle.**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the monument</b>	<b>Number of encroachments</b>	<b>Nature of encroachment</b>
1.	Fort on rock, Pallapatti, Dindigul district	107 nos.	House, Hut
2.	Sikhanathaswami Temple, Kudumiyamalai, Pudukkottai district	12 nos.	House
3.	Siva (Erumbeswaraswami) Temple, Thiruverumbur, Trichy district	200 nos.	House, Shops & Hut
4.	Sundereswara Temple with 7 sub-shrines, Thirukattalai, Pudukkottai district	1 no.	House
5.	The natural cavern called Andarmatam, Sembuthi, Pudukkottai district	3 nos.	Hut
6.	Rock-cut Jain bas-relief and beds and a mutilated Jain stone image, Karadipatti, Madurai district	33 nos.	Hut, House & shop
7.	Airavatesvarar Temple, Chatram, Darasuram, Thanjavur district	3 nos.	Hut, House
8.	Fort Gateway, Trichy, Trichy district	49 nos.	Shops extension / encroachments
9.	(a) The Rock-cut Siva Temple (b) Car Mantapam with wheels in the front part of the plinth, Kunnandarkovil, Pudukkottai district	19 nos.	House/shop/ hut
10.	Sivaganga little fort enclosing the great temple, Thanjavur, Thanjavur district	4 nos.	Hut, shed

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