

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3529
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026

CONSERVATION OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS IN TIRUCHIRAPPALLI AND PUDUKKOTTAI

3529. SHRI DURAI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any assessment of the condition of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)-protected monuments in Tiruchirappalli and Pudukkottai districts, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of conservation, restoration, maintenance and infrastructure development works undertaken by the ASI in the said districts during the last three years, along with the funds allocated and utilised;
- (c) whether any proposals for conservation, structural restoration, visitor amenities, interpretation centres or heritage tourism development in the said districts are pending with the Ministry or the ASI;
- (d) if so, the details alongwith present status thereof; and
- (e) the details of steps taken/ being taken by the Government to strengthen the preservation, promotion and sustainable tourism potential of ASI-protected monuments in the said districts?

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

- (a) There are 412 Centrally Protected Monuments and Sites in the State of Tamil Nadu including 114 Centrally Protected Monuments in the Tiruchirappalli and Pudukkottai districts under the jurisdiction of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). All these Protected Monuments are inspected by the officers of ASI periodically to assess their condition.
- (b) The details of conservation, maintenance and development works undertaken by the ASI in Tiruchirappalli and Pudukkottai districts of Tamil Nadu State, during the last three years are attached at **Annexure-I**.

The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred on the conservation works of protected monuments in the State of Tamil Nadu, including these districts, during the last three years are given as under.

(Amount Rs. Crore)			
S. No.	Year	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	2023-24	22.50	22.50
2.	2024-25	18.95	18.94
3.	2025-26	16.60	16.60

- (c) No such proposal is pending with the ASI.
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- (d)

- (e) ASI undertakes conservation of these Monuments and sites as per the National Policy of Conservation, 2014. The periodical condition assessments and day to day maintenance of these monuments and sites are carried out on regular basis as per the requirement and availability of resources.

ASI promotes heritage awareness on the occasion of World heritage Day, World Heritage Week, Museum Day, International Yoga Day and other such type of occasions/events.

Further, Ministry of Tourism promotes tourism in a holistic manner, including cultural and heritage tourism. The promotions are undertaken through several initiatives such as organizing tourism promotional events held in association with tourism stakeholders, digital promotion through social media handles in collaboration with social media influencers and showcasing the tourism destinations and products through the Incredible India Digital portal.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3529 FOR 10.08.2026.

The details of conservation, preservation, maintenance and development works undertaken by the ASI in Tiruchirappalli and Pudukkottai districts, Tamil Nadu.

S. No.	Name of the temple/Monument	District	Type of intervention	Work description
1.	Ruined Jain temple, Chettipatty. (2023-2024)	Pudukkottai	Conservation	Documenting lifting and stacking of fallen stones, architectural members fragments of stones and accumulated deposits
2.	The rock-cut Siva shrine, Devarmalai. (2023-24), (2024-25) and (2025-26)	Pudukkottai	Development works	Vegetation clearance, earthwork excavation, sand filling, laying PCC, construction of RR stone footing/dwarf wall and pointing the stone joints
3.	SoundararajaPerumal Temple, Irumbanadu. (2023-24)	Pudukkottai	Conservation	Water tightening and providing apron around the structure.
4.	Uttamadaniswara temple, Kilattaniyam, (2023-24)	Pudukkottai	Development works	Vegetation clearance, earthwork excavation, sand filling, laying PCC, construction of RR stone footing/dwarf wall and pointing the stone joints.
5.	The Rock-cut Siva temple and car mantapam with wheels in the front part of the plinth, Kunnandarkoil, (2023-24) and (2025-26)	Pudukkottai	Conservation	Water tightening the terrace.
6.	Rajendracolisvaram Temple, Ponamaravati (2023-24), (2024-25) and (2025-26)	Pudukkottai	Conservation	Repairing the damaged madras terrace roof, plastering the terrace and wall and painting the wall.
7.	Siva Temple, Tennangudi, (2023-24)	Pudukkottai	Conservation	Reconstruction of damaged/ dislocated prakara wall, Plastering work.
8.	The Rock-cut Siva Temple, Satyagiriswara shrine, Tirumayam, (2023-24) and (2024-25)	Pudukkottai	Conservation	Water tightening the terrace.
9.	The Rock-cut Vishnu Temple, Satyamurti shrine, Tirumayam, (2023-24) and (2024-25)	Pudukkottai	Conservation	Water tightening the terrace.
10.	The Stone and brick fort., Tirumayam, (2023-24)	Pudukkottai	Conservation	Disposal of accumulated earth, reconstruction of fortification wall, surface dressing and documentation.
11.	The whole of the Siva Temple and the inscribed stone in the front mantapam, Ammankurichi (2024-25)	Pudukkottai	Conservation	Water tightening, mending and strengthening the broken stucco, lime pinning/toning up the vimana surface.
12.	Remains of Aivar kovil, Kodumbalur (2024-25) and (2025-26)	Pudukkottai	Development works	Dwarf wall and fencing works
13.	Erumbeswarar Temple, Thiruverumbur (2024-25) and (2025-26)	Trichy	Conservation	Water tightening, Lime pinning/toning, de-plastering, stucco work, flooring works etc.,
14.	Uttamanathaswami Siva temple, Kiranur (2025-26)	Kiranur, Pudukkottai	Conservation and Development works	Stone flooring work and fixing MS grill
15.	Siva Temple., Nirpalani, (2025-26)	Pudukkottai	Conservation	Providing apron all around the temple structure.

16.	Fort gateway, Trichy (2025-26)	Trichy	Development works	Railing, grill fencing, relaying undulated flooring, retaining wall, etc,
17.	UPHA to various monuments under Trichy sub-circle (2025-26)	Both Trichy and Pudukkottai	Development works	RO drinking water facilities, stone benches, CNB, PNB, DNB, Dustbins, etc.
18.	Jain Temple site., Mangathevanpatti, (2023-24)	Pudukkottai	Conservation	Exposing the original plinth level by removing the accumulated earth, providing apron around the structure and plastering works.
