

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 436.
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 21ST JULY, 2026.**

STATUS OF GI TAG FOR THOOTHUKUDI PEARL

436. SMT. KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) the current status of the application for a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for Thoothukudi pearls;
- (b) whether it has been accepted, registered, or is pending with the Geographical Indications Registry;
- (c) the timeline of key actions taken so far on this GI application since it was filed; and
- (d) the number of GI tag applications filed from Tamil Nadu during the last five years and the current status accepted/registered/pending/rejected) of each?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)**

(a) to (c): An application for the registration of the Geographical Indication (GI) for Thoothukudi Pearls was filed by Thoothukudi Muthu Urapathiyalargal Sangam, Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, on 9th December 2025. The current status of the application is as follows:

A Formality Check Report was issued to the Applicants on 12th December 2025 for compliance. The GI Registry is awaiting compliance from the applicant to the Formality Check Report issued to them. Upon receipt of the compliance from the applicant, the application will be processed further in accordance with the provisions of the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 and the Rules framed thereunder.

(d): The number of GI tag applications filed from Tamil Nadu during the last five years and the current status of each is attached herewith as **Annexure-A**.

ANNEXURE-A

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 436 FOR ANSWER ON 21.07.2026.

App. No.	Geographical Indications	Status	Date of Filing	Goods	Geographical Area
734	Cumbum Panneer Thratchai	Registered	01.01.2021	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
740	Madurai Marikolunthu (Davana)	Registered	11.02.2021	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
742	Rajapalayam Mangoes	Since the applicant has failed to comply with objections raised, a hearing has been scheduled on 28th July, 2026.	23.02.2021	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
754	Vilachery Clay Toys	Registered	23.04.2021	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
757	Kanyakumari Matti Banana	Registered	29.04.2021	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
762	Chedibutta Saree	Registered	15.06.2021	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
766	Negamam Cotton Saree	Registered	29.06.2021	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
770	Ambasamudram Choppu Saman (Wooden Toys)	Registered	19.07.2021	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
788	Vellore Spiny Brinjal	Registered	29.10.2021	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
789	Sholavandan Vetrilai	Registered	29.10.2021	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
800	Marthandam Honey	Registered	29.11.2021	Food Stuff	Tamil Nadu
816	Thovalai Maanika Maalai	Registered	13.01.2022	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
817	Kumbakonam Vetrilai (Kumbakonam Betel Leaf)	Registered	13.01.2022	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
836	Panruti Palappazham (Panruti Jack Fruit)	Registered	18.02.2022	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
837	Panruti Cashew	Registered	18.02.2022	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
857	Worraiur Cotton Saree	Registered	25.03.2022	Textiles	Tamil Nadu
872	Athangudi Tiles	Since the applicant has failed to comply with objections raised, a hearing has been scheduled on 28th July, 2026.	13.04.2022	Manufactured	Tamil Nadu
880	Namakkal Makkal Pattirangal	Registered	22.04.2022	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
881	Puliyankudi Acid Lime	Registered	25.04.2022	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
882	Thooyamalli Rice	Registered	25.04.2022	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu

883	Virudhunagar Samba Vathal	Registered	25.04.2022	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
920	Chettikulam Small Onion	Registered	04.07.2022	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1040	Salem Kolusu	Since the applicant has failed to comply with objections raised, a hearing has been scheduled on 28th July, 2026.	06.01.2023	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1051	Ramanadu Chithiraikar Rice	Registered	02.02.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1052	Kavindhapadi Nattu Sakkarai	Registered	02.02.2023	Food Stuff	Tamil Nadu
1053	Salem Kannadi Kathiri (Brinjal)	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	02.02.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1121	Mulanur Kuttai Murungai	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	11.08.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1122	Madurai Sengarumbu	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	11.08.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1123	Peravurani Coconut	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	11.08.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1124	Mudalur Muscoth Halwa	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	14.08.2023	Food Stuff	Tamil Nadu
1125	Veeramangudi Achu Vellam (Jaggery)	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	14.08.2023	Food Stuff	Tamil Nadu
1126	Andarkulam Kathiri	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	14.08.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1127	Jawadhu hills Samai	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	16.08.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu

1128	Tindivanam Panipayiru	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	16.08.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1129	Sattur Vellari (Cucumber)	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	16.08.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1130	Sivagangai Karuppu Kavuni Ric	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	16.08.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1131	Krishnagiri Paneer Rose	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	21.08.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1132	Kottumulai Kathri (Brinjal)	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	21.08.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1133	Arsampatti Tall Coconut	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	21.08.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1134	Sengal Thuvarai	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	21.08.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1135	Virudhunagar Adhalaikkai	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	21.08.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1136	Vilathikulam Gundu Chilli	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	21.08.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1141	Jawadhu Puli (Jawadhu Tamarind)	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	11.09.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1159	Kongarapattu Indigo Dye	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	08.12.2023	Natural	Tamil Nadu

1162	Karamadai Senkaambu curry leaf	Pre-Hearing completed, Consultative Group Meeting proposed in the month of September, 2026.	22.12.2023	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1222	Uthukuli Vennai (Butter)	Formality Check Report reply received on 27.06.2025. Matter fixed for Hearing on 28.07.2026.	09.04.2024	Food Stuff	Tamil Nadu
1223	Ramanathapuram Poongar ric	Formality Check Report reply received on 27.06.2025. Matter fixed for Hearing on 28.07.2026.	09.04.2024	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1245	Rasipuram Ghee	Formality Check Report issued on 13.05.2024. Awaiting reply to the same.	07.05.2024	Food Stuff	Tamil Nadu
1269	Ayyampalayam Nettai Thenna	Formality Check Report reply received on 09.10.2024. Matter fixed for Hearing on 28.07.2026.	13.06.2024	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1270	Odaipatti Seedless Grapes	Formality Check Report reply received on 09.10.2024. Matter fixed for Hearing on 28.07.2026.	13.06.2024	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1271	Tirunelveli Senna Leaf	Formality Check Report reply received on 09.10.2024. Matter fixed for Hearing on 28.07.2026.	13.06.2024	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1272	Kolli Hills Pepper	Formality Check Report reply received on 09.10.2024. Matter fixed for Hearing on 29.07.2026.	13.06.2024	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1273	Sathyamangalam Red Banana	Formality Check Report reply received on 09.10.2024. Matter fixed for Hearing on 29.07.2026.	13.06.2024	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1274	Urigam Puli	Formality Check Report reply received on 09.10.2024. Matter fixed for Hearing on 29.07.2026.	13.06.2024	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1275	Senkanthal Seed	Formality Check Report reply received on 09.10.2024. Matter fixed for Hearing on 29.07.2026.	13.06.2024	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu

1291	Sen Cholam	Formality Check Report reply received on 09.10.2024. Matter fixed for Hearing on 29.07.2026.	26.06.2024	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1292	Bhuvanagiri Mithi Pagarkai	Formality Check Report reply received on 09.10.2024. Matter fixed for Hearing on 30.07.2026.	26.06.2024	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1293	Meenambur Seeraga Samba rice	Formality Check Report reply received on 09.10.2024. Matter fixed for Hearing on 30.07.2026.	26.06.2024	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1342	Thiruvaduthurai Seevali	Formality Check Report reply received on 23.01.2026. Matter fixed for Hearing on 30.07.2026.	09.08.2024	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1343	Thanjavur Kannadi Kalaiporul	Formality Check Report reply received on 23.01.2026. Matter fixed for Hearing on 30.07.2026.	09.08.2024	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1370	Pulicat Palm Leaf Handicrafts (Puzhuverkadu Panai Olai Kaivinai)	Formality Check Report reply received on 23.01.2026. Matter fixed for Hearing on 30.07.2026.	27.09.2024	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1375	Kovilpatti Seeval	Formality Check Report reply received on 22.01.2026. Matter fixed for Hearing on 31.07.2026.	07.10.2024	Food Stuffs	Tamil Nadu
1376	Ramanathapuram Panangkarkandu	Formality Check Report reply received on 22.01.2026 and 30.01.2026. Matter fixed for Hearing on 31.07.2026.	07.10.2024	Food Stuffs	Tamil Nadu
1377	Ramanathapuram Pattarai Karuvadu (Dry Fish)	Formality Check Report reply received on 22.01.2026. Matter fixed for Hearing on 31.07.2026.	07.10.2024	Food Stuffs	Tamil Nadu
1393	Chettinadu Kai and Murukku Seedai	Formality Check Report reply received on 22.01.2026 and 23.01.2026. Matter fixed for Hearing on 31.07.2026.	16.12.2024	Food Stuffs	Tamil Nadu
1398	Paramakudi Pumper Saree	Formality Check Report reply received on 04.07.2025. Matter fixed for Hearing on 31.07.2026.	18.12.2024	Textiles	Tamil Nadu

1401	Aruppukottai Art & Cotton Sarees	Formality Check Report reply received on 04.07.2025. Matter fixed for Hearing on 04.08.2026.	18.12.2024	Textiles	Tamil Nadu
1402	Gudiyatham Lungis	Formality Check Report reply received on 12.03.2025. Matter fixed for Hearing on 04.08.2026.	26.12.2024	Textiles	Tamil Nadu
1403	Koorainadu Silk Cotton Sarees	Formality Check Report reply received on 12.03.2025. Matter fixed for Hearing on 04.08.2026.	26.12.2024	Textiles	Tamil Nadu
1404	Kayalpattinam Thumbadai	Formality Check Report issued on 31.12.2024. Awaiting reply to the same.	27.12.2024	Food Stuffs	Tamil Nadu
1405	Poovila Chendu Banana	Formality Check Report issued on 31.12.2024. Awaiting reply to the same.	27.12.2024	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1406	Kadambur Boli	Formality Check Report issued on 31.12.2024. Awaiting reply to the same.	27.12.2024	Food Stuffs	Tamil Nadu
1407	Karuganni Cotton	Formality Check Report issued on 31.12.2024. Awaiting reply to the same.	27.12.2024	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1408	Ammanpuram Monthan Banana	Formality Check Report issued on 31.12.2024. Awaiting reply to the same.	27.12.2024	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1409	Cuddalore Clay Toys	Formality Check Report issued on 31.12.2024. Awaiting reply to the same.	30.12.2024	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1412	Karukurichi Clay Potteries	Formality Check Report Reply received on 22.01.2026. Matter Fixed for hearing on 04.08.2026	06.01.2025	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1413	Vadasery Dhoti (Veshti)	Formality Check Report Reply received on 12.03.2025. Matter Fixed for hearing on 04.08.2026	06.01.2025	Textiles	Tamil Nadu
1414	Chinnalapatti Artsilk Saree	Formality Check Report Reply received on 12.03.2025. Matter Fixed for hearing on 05.08.2026	06.01.2025	Textiles	Tamil Nadu
1426	Suin Cotton of Tamil Nadu	Formality Check Report Reply received on 28.03.2025. Matter Fixed for hearing on 05.08.2026	22.01.2025	Textiles	Tamil Nadu

1447	Vandavasi Korai Paai	Formality Check Report Reply received on 07.04.2025. Matter Fixed for hearing on 05.08.2026	11.02.2025	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1474	Kosapet Clay Toys	Formality Check Report Reply received on 22.01.2026. Matter Fixed for hearing on 05.08.2026	21.03.2025	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1475	Kanchipuram Paper Mache	Formality Check Report Reply received on 22.01.2026. Matter Fixed for hearing on 05.08.2026	21.03.2025	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1476	Hasanur Lantana Crafts	Formality Check Report Reply received on 22.01.2026. Matter Fixed for hearing on 06.08.2026	21.03.2025	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1477	Modaiyur Soap Stone Art	Formality Check Report Reply received on 22.01.2026. Matter Fixed for hearing on 06.08.2026	21.03.2025	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1478	Walajapet Cane & Bamboo Crafts	Formality Check Report Reply received on 23.01.2026. Matter Fixed for hearing on 06.08.2026	21.03.2025	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1506	Kanchipuram Cotton Saree	Formality Check Report Reply received on 10.07.2025. Matter Fixed for hearing on 06.08.2026	11.04.2025	Textiles	Tamil Nadu
1508	Rasipuram Silk Saree	Formality Check Report Reply received on 10.07.2025. Matter Fixed for hearing on 06.08.2026	11.04.2025	Textiles	Tamil Nadu
1526	Pollachi Tall Coconut (Pollachi Nettai Thennai)	Formality Check Report issued on 09.05.2025. Awaiting Reply to the same.	30.04.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1534	Adhanakootai Cashew	Formality Check Report issued on 22.05.2025. Awaiting Reply to the same.	09.05.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1535	Kallidaikurichi Appalam	Formality Check Report issued on 22.05.2025. Awaiting Reply to the same.	09.05.2025	Food Stuffs	Tamil Nadu
1536	Sevur Groundnut	Formality Check Report issued on 22.05.2025. Awaiting Reply to the same.	09.05.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1537	Kalakad Banana	Formality Check Report issued on 22.05.2025. Awaiting Reply to the same.	09.05.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1547	Sivakasi Fireworks	Formality Check Report Reply received on 27.06.2025. Matter Fixed for hearing on 07.08.2026	23.05.2025	Manufactured	Tamil Nadu

1562	Kollimalai Palappazham	Formality Check Report Reply received on 28.07.2025. Matter Fixed for hearing on 07.08.2026	11.06.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1563	Kollimalai Coffee	Formality Check Report Reply received on 28.07.2025. Matter Fixed for hearing on 07.08.2026	11.06.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1564	Natham Puli	Formality Check Report issued on 24.06.2025. Awaiting Reply to the same.	19.06.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1565	Kappalpatti Karumbu Murungai	Formality Check Report issued on 24.06.2025. Awaiting Reply to the same.	19.06.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1566	Nallur Varagu	Formality Check Report issued on 24.06.2025. Awaiting Reply to the same.	19.06.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1567	Ayyakudi Koyya	Formality Check Report issued on 24.06.2025. Awaiting Reply to the same.	19.06.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1568	Vedharanyam Mullai	Formality Check Report issued on 24.06.2025. Awaiting Reply to the same.	19.06.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1571	Pollachi Thennai Naar	Formality Check Report Reply received on 10.09.2025. Matter Fixed for hearing on 07.08.2026	27.06.2025	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1573	Mugavai Kuliyaichan Sivappu Arisi	Formality Check Report Reply received on 29.08.2025. Matter Fixed for hearing on 07.08.2026	01.07.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1575	Sivakasi - Kovilpatti Matchboxes	Formality Check Report issued on 10.07.2025. Awaiting Reply to the same.	04.07.2025	Manufactured	Tamil Nadu
1582	Kanchipuram Idli	Formality Check Report Reply received on 22.01.2026. Matter Fixed for hearing on 11.08.2026	17.07.2025	Food Stuffs	Tamil Nadu
1592	Kilakarai Thothal Halwa	Formality Check Report issued on 31.07.2025. Awaiting Reply the same.	30.07.2025	Food Stuffs	Tamil Nadu
1593	Madurai Appalam	Formality Check Report Reply received on 29.08.2025. Matter Fixed for hearing on 11.08.2026	30.07.2025	Food Stuffs	Tamil Nadu
1618	Madurai Jigarthanda	Formality Check Report Reply received on 19.12.2025. Matter Fixed for hearing on 11.08.2026	04.09.2025	Food Stuffs	Tamil Nadu

1628	Kanniyakumari Nannari	Formality Check Report Reply received on 14.12.2025 and 06.01.2026. Matter Fixed for hearing on 11.08.2026	26.09.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1658	Sirumugai Menpattu Pudavaig	Formality Check Report Reply received on 02.12.2025. Matter Fixed for hearing on 11.08.2026	03.11.2025	Textiles	Tamil Nadu
1673	Pollachi Nutmeg	Formality Check Report issued on 08.12.2025, Amended Application Received on 27.03.2026. Awaiting Reply to the same.	06.11.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1674	Madras Checks	Formality Check Report Reply received on 08.01.2026. Matter Fixed for hearing on 12.08.2026	07.11.2025	Textiles	Tamil Nadu
1688	Thoothukudi Pearls	Formality Check Report issued on 12.12.2025. Awaiting Reply to the same.	09.12.2025	Natural	Tamil Nadu
1689	Thoothukudi Salt	Formality Check Report issued on 12.12.2025. Awaiting Reply to the same.	09.12.2025	Food Stuffs	Tamil Nadu
1696	Villiseri Lemon	Formality Check Report issued on 29.12.2025. Awaiting Reply to the same.	12.12.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1697	Authoor Poovan Banana	Formality Check Report issued on 29.12.2025. Awaiting Reply to the same.	12.12.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1767	Kollimalai Annasipazham	Formality Check Report Reply received on 27.04.2026. Matter Fixed for hearing on 12.08.2026	31.12.2025	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
1880	Ooty Carrot	Formality Check Report Reply received on 22.06.2026. Matter Fixed for hearing on 12.08.2026	26.02.2026	Agriculture	Tamil Nadu
1881	Ooty Potato	Formality Check Report issued on 26.03.2026. Awaiting Reply to the same.	26.02.2026	Agriculture	Tamil Nadu
1882	Thoothukudi Changu	Formality Check Report issued on 26.03.2026. Awaiting Reply to the same.	26.02.2026	Natural Goods	Tamil Nadu
1897	Vadakkadu Jackfruit	Formality Check Report issued on 30.03.2026. Awaiting Reply to the same.	03.03.2026	Agriculture	Tamil Nadu

1969	Kalakshetra Sarees	Formality Check Report issued on 30.03.2026. Awaiting Reply to the same.	26.03.2026	Textiles	Tamil Nadu
1984	Thanjavur Poi Kaal Kuthirai	Formality Check Report issued on 30.03.2026. Awaiting Reply to the same.	27.03.2026	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1985	Thanjavur Thavil	Formality Check Report issued on 30.03.2026. Awaiting Reply to the same.	27.03.2026	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1986	Manamadurai Ghatam	Formality Check Report issued on 30.03.2026. Awaiting Reply to the same.	27.03.2026	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1987	Nachiar Kovil Bell	Formality Check Report issued on 30.03.2026. Awaiting Reply to the same.	27.03.2026	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
1988	Mappillai Samba Rice	Formality Check Report issued on 30.03.2026. Awaiting Reply to the same.	27.03.2026	Agriculture	Tamil Nadu
1989	Salem Ragi Santavai (Ragi Noodles)	Formality Check Report issued on 30.03.2026. Awaiting Reply to the same.	27.03.2026	Food Stuffs	Tamil Nadu
2029	Nilgiris Eucalyptus Thailam	Formality Check Report issued on 08.06.2026. Awaiting Reply to the same.	05.05.2026	Manufactured Goods	Tamil Nadu
