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229.	Pre-historic site, Satyamangalam	1647	0	0	0
230.	Dolmens and urns, Sengalur	3548	0	0	0
231.	Dolmens in Annavasal vattam, Sittannavasal	4935	0	0	0
232.	Dolmens, Thayinlpatti	1068	0	0	0
233.	Group of Dolmens, Thiruppur	1644	0	0	0
234.	Megalithic Cists & Cairns, Perumbakkam	0	0	14055	0
235.	Megalithic Cists & Cairns, Perunagar	0	0	38000	0
236.	Dolmens site, Perungalur	0	0	3912	2992
237.	Sri Parthasarathy and Krishna Temple, Parthivapuram, Kanyakumari	91347	2231699	195228	19068
238.	Sri Valeeswara Temple, Thiruvaleeswaram, Thirunelveli	6166187	3124839	2718612	43281
239.	Sri Bhagavati Temple, Chitral. Kanyakumari	268731	198341	1109002	41272
240.	Rock Cut cave Temple, Thirunandikkara, Thirunelveli	5859307	2476434	523006	11550
241.	Fort at Vattakottai, Kanyakumari	3003749	2663342	601854	53897
242.	Ancient Site at Kunnathur, Thirunelveli	501195	114675	60550	0
243.	Sri Bhaktavatsala Temple, Cheranmahadevi, Thirunelveli	214040	2497538	313297	38300
244.	Rock Cut cave Temple, Thirumalapuram, Thirunelveli	52361	2200503	1735271	0

Improvement of facilities at historical places in Tamil Nadu

1630. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual income Government gets from the sale of tickets to the tourists visiting historical tourist places in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the amount spent by Government for the betterment of facilities available at such places; and

(c) the fresh steps taken for improving the transportation and other facilities in order to increase the number of tourists visiting the historical places in Tamil Nadu during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The annual revenue through entry fee at centrally protected ticketed monuments under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India in Tamil Nadu and expenditure incurred for their conservation, preservation and maintenance including providing for betterment of facilities during the last three years are given in Statement-I and II respectively (*See below*).

(c) The efforts have been taken to provide battery operated cars for transportation in the World Heritage Monuments like Brihadisvara Temple, Thanjavur & Shore Temple, Mamallapuram. Other facilities like toilet, wheel chair, drinking water, parking, cafeteria, pathway, ramp and developing greenery around the monuments etc. are being taken up in a phased manner for the remaining sites in order to increase the number of tourists.

Statement-I

Revenue earned through entry fee at centrally protected ticketed monuments under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India in Tamil Nadu during the last three years

(Amount in ₹)				
Sl. No.	Name of the Ticketed Monument	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1.	Group of Monuments Mamallapuram	27424160	27050890	27105640
2.	Gingee Fort, Gingee	1234205	1086600	827660
3.	Fort on Rock, Dindigul	192345	157305	158225
4.	Moovarkoil, Kodumbalur	5740	7150	9920
5.	Rock-cut Jain Temple, Sittannavasal	206790	25,0975	188125
6.	Natural Cavern with Inscriptions, Eladipattanam, Sittannavasal	189310	199225	138350
7.	Fort, Tirumayam	400815	366420	356380
TOTAL		29653365	29118565	28784300

Statement-II

Expenditure incurred for conservation, preservation and maintenance including providing for betterment of facilities at centrally protected ticketed monuments in Tamil Nadu during the last three years

(Amount in ₹)

Sl. No.	Name of the Ticketed Monument	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1.	Group of Monuments, Mamallapuram	8004206	4749294	5136327
2.	Gingee Fort, Gingee	5551581	5419912	843256
3.	Fort on Rock, Pallapatti at Dindigul	504560	353980	459876
4.	Moovarkoil, Kodumbalur	21090	2513040	8054
5.	Rock-cut Jain Temple, Sittannavasal	212976	288636	146879
6.	Natural Cavern with Inscription, Eladipattam at Sittannavasal	0	0	2458
7.	Fort, Tirumayam	2286743	2359888	2621791
TOTAL		16581156	15684750	9218641

Preservation of monuments in Archaeological centres

1631. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many archeological centres are preserved in the country where pre-Before Christ (BC) Era monuments are preserved;

(b) which are the most important ones among them historically and culturally;

(c) how many archeological centres are there of the period 1st-10th century AD; and

(d) which diverse cultures are preserved in these two groups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protects monuments of national importance, declared protected under the Ancient Monuments and