

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3207**  
ANSWERED ON 31.3.2022

**PROTECTED MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN TAMIL NADU**

3207. DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has directed the Archaeological Survey of India to prepare the complete status report and inventory of detailed list of protected monuments, archaeological sites, ancient temples, archaic buildings of secular and religious nature in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the inventory of archaeological monuments available at O/o Superintendent of Archaeology, Chennai Circle, Temple Survey, Chennai Circle and O/o Superintendent of Archaeology, Trichy Circle, Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether the archaeological evidences collected from the excavations of archaeological sites and photo documents are digitalized; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
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- (a)&(b) Detailed list of monuments/sites declared as of National importance throughout the country including Tamil Nadu and Puducherry is available on Archaeological Survey of India web site ([www.asi.nic.in](http://www.asi.nic.in)).
- (c)&(d) Archaeological evidences like structures, antiquities, samples, pottery, etc. collected during excavation are documented suitably through photography, drawing, description, and also digitalized.

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