

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 966**  
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2022.

**TRANSFER OF ANCIENT TAMIL INSCRIPTIONS FROM MYSORE TO CHENNAI**

966 DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

Will the Minister of **CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has directed the epigraphy department of Archaeological Survey of India to transfer the Estampages, photo documents, unpublished and published material regarding the ancient Tamil inscriptions from Mysore to Chennai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the inventory of epigraphic documents available at the O/o Director of Epigraphy, Mysore;
- (c) whether the Estampages and photo documents of many unpublished ancient Tamil inscriptions copied from various temples and monuments were lost and remain untraceable; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) & (b) Yes Sir, The Office of the Director (Epigraphy), ASI Mysore has 28,860 Tamil estampages out of which 26,375 are copied from Tamil Nadu. The O/o Director (Epigraphy), Mysore maintains the inventory of epigraphic documents which are in the respective year's Annual Report on Indian Epigraphy.
- (c) & (d) No Sir, Does not arise.

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