

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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ANTHROPOMORPHIC BURIAL SITES

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the anthropomorphic burial sites marked by representation of human form above the megalithic burials in Mallyayagaripalle between Chandragiri and Dornakambala near Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of efforts Government is making to protect this cherished heritage;
- (c) whether Government is also aware that similar structures are found in almost every mandal of the district;
- (d) whether Government is also aware of another endangered megalithic monument in Palem village near Kallur which is locally called as Devara Yeddu; and
- (e) the efforts being made by the Government to protect above sites?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a)&(b) The megalithic burials in Mellayyagaripalle between Chandragiri & Dornakambala near Tirupati and in Palem village near Kallur in Andhra Pradesh are not Centrally Protected Monuments under the Archaeological Survey of India. However, the said sites are under the Department of Archaeology & Museums, Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(c),(d)&(e) The Department of Archaeology & Museums, Government of Andhra Pradesh has identified many types of Megalithic burials including stone circles, Cairns, Dolmen, Menhir Dolminoids, Anthropomorphic, cist burials etc., mostly in Medanapalli, Punganuru, Vayalpadu, S.Kota, Kuppam, Pileru, Palamaneru etc., Mandals in Chittoor District. Further, different types of Megalithic burial at Palem Village, Near Kallur locally known as Devarayeddu are being worshipped by the local people on occasions. The exploration are carried out in a systematic way.
