

SHANKAR RAY (a) and (b) Pursuant to a Resolution moved by India and passed at the 15th General Conference of UNESCO in October 1968 requesting UNESCO to assist in the creation of a Tamil Institute in Madras, the UNESCO provided assistance equivalent to \$ 10,000 to the International Institute of Tamil Studies, Madras during 1969-1970 (calendar years) Provision for aid equivalent to \$ 15,000 has also been made in UNESCO's Programme & Budget for 1971-1972 (two calendar years) This may possibly be supplemented by further assistance not exceeding \$ 10,000 under UNESCO's Participation Programme

The Government of India have not provided any financial assistance so far Information as to the assistance provided if any by the Tamil Nadu Government has been called for and will be placed on the table of the House on receipt

Installation of statue of Raja Raja Cholan at Thanjavur Temple

803 **SHRI MURASOLI MARAN** Will the Minister of CULTURE (SANSKRITI MANTRI) be pleased to state

(a) whether Government and the people of Tamil Nadu have represented to the Central Government against the action of the Central Government rejecting the proposal of the State Government to instal the statue of Raja Raja Cholan within the premises of the Temple at Thanjavur constructed by him, and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRI AUR SANSKRITI VIBHAG MANTRI) (SHRI SIDDHARTHA SHANKAR RAY) (a) and (b). The statue has been installed at a site mutually agreed to by the Government of Tamil

Nadu and the Archaeological Survey of India within the protected limits of the temple However, a request has recently been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu and others for the erection of the statue at another site within the premises of the temple This request is under consideration

Light and sound programme at Madurai

804 **SHRI MURASOLI MARAN** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (PARYATAN AUR NAGAR VIMANAN MANTRI) be pleased to state,

(a) whether the proposal to have a Light and Sound programme at Madurai has been dropped,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor,

(c) whether it has now been decided to have the programme at Mahabalipuram; and

(d) how soon the programme is likely to be commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (PARYATAN AUR NAGAR VIMANAN MANTRI) (DR KARAN SINGH) (a) and (c). Yes, Sir.

(b) Representation were received to the effect that a sound and light spectacle at Madurai might hurt the susceptibilities of worshippers Also, due to its proximity to Madras which is a metropolitan city with an international airport, Mahabalipuram is likely to attract a larger number of tourists throughout the year.

(d) Before the end of the Fourth Plan period