

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 208
ANSWERED ON 04.12.2023

STATUS OF HERITAGE VILLAGE OF KOLLENGODE

208. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that many rock engravings, stone inscriptions, megalithic monuments, terracotta and stone sculptures, potholes, and other ruins have been discovered in the Kollengode region in Kerala;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there has been a demand to provide heritage village status for Kollengode;
- (c) whether it is a fact that efforts should be made to preserve those monuments and ruins through a special action plan;
- (d) whether the Government has received any request in this regard from any corner; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) An ancient temple named Kachanamkurichi Vishnu Temple with sculptures and painting was reported during the village to village survey conducted in Kollengode, District Palakkad, Kerala.

Different types of Megalithic burial goods, old inscription in Vattezhuthu script, remains of temple structures, etc. were reported from the region in exploration and salvage operations conducted by Kerala Archaeology Department at Kovilakam Parambu, Kollengode, District Palakkad, Kerala in the year 1999-2000.

- (b) There is no such proposal under consideration.
- (c) Representative from the village have requested to the Kerala Archaeology Department for the & protection of archaeological remains and setting up of a heritage museum at Nenmeni
- (e) Kovilakom Parambu, Kollengode, Palakakad, Kerala.
