

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
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ROCK CARVING IN KERALA

979. SHRI V. K SREEKANDAN:

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

- (a) whether, it is a fact that at many places in Kerala State trove of rock carving has been discovered and one such snake carving on stone from megalithic period has been discovered in Kasaragod village recently;
- (b) whether it is also true that many such sites of historical importance are being getting destroyed due to lack of protection or unawareness, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to protect such areas which have not been brought to the notice of the Archaeological Survey of India; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Yes, Sir. A snake carving on the rock at Alinkeezhil in Puthukai Village of Kasaragod district has been found. The Rock carvings in Ariyittupara at Cheemeni village in Hosadurg taluk of Kasaragod district has been documented by the Department of Archaeology, Kerala.
- (b) No such destruction has been reported.
- (c) & (d) The State Department of Archaeology, Kerala, has initiated steps to protect the rock carvings at Ariyittupara in Cheemeni village, Hosadurg taluk of Kasaragod district; Ettukudukka in Kankol Alappatamba village in Payyannur taluk of Kannur district; and Parambathukkavu in Irumpilayam village in Tirur taluk of Malappuram district.
