

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:390  
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TEMPLES MAINTAINED BY ASI  
SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR

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

- (a) the details of the temples maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India in various States particularly Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the annual cost of maintenance;
- (c) whether the Government are aware that the cave temples located at Chittaravasal and Kuduminalai are in a dilapidated condition;
- (d) if so, the steps taken to improve their condition;
- (e) the funds proposed to be allocated for maintenances and conservation of these temples; and
- (f) if not the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE ( SHRI ANANTH KUMAR )

- (a) The State wise details of centrally protected monuments which also includes temples is available in the Parliament Library. In Tamil Nadu there are 110 temples which are centrally protected by Archaeological Survey of India.
- (b) The expenditure incurred on the maintenance of protected monuments in Tamil Nadu which, inter alia, also includes temples is Rs.1,27,88,808.00 during 1999-2000.
- (c) to (f) The centrally protected monuments at SITTANNAVASSAL and Kuduminalai in Tamil Nadu are structurally in a good state of preservation. At the behest of archaeological survey of India quarrying operations near Kuduminalai Temple have been stopped. The entire Rajagopuram has been renovated at the cost of Rs.8.00 lakhs. Action is already on to attend to the conservation of the Temple including the Thousand Pillar Mandapa.