

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2234
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2002
DEVELOPMENT OF GANGZIKONDA CHOLAPURAM IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any plea/request to develop the historically prominent Gangzikonda Cholapuram in Tamil Nadu as a Tourist Centre;
- (b) if so, the total amount allocated for the conservation works on the Brihadeeswara Temple at Gangzikonda Cholapuram, Tamil Nadu for the year 2002-2003;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote prominent, historical temples/forts/monuments in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) whether the Government have conducted any study on the ancient prominent buildings/structures in Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Development and promotion of tourist places/centres including historical temples/forts/monuments is a continuous process. Department of Tourism provides financial assistance on the basis of projects prioritised in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations every year.
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e): Does not arise.