

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CHERA INSCRIPTION
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an ancient inscription of the Chera Dynasty was recently discovered in Malappuram in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the cultural and historical value of the findings;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to carry out more excavations in this region where more findings on Chera Rule are likely to be unearthed; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE(KUMARI SELJA)

(a)& (b) Yes, Sir. The Inscription has been discovered in a temple in Kurumathur, District Malappuram, Kerala is dateable to the king Rama Rajashekhera (871 A.D) of Mahadayapura (Kodungallur) the first ruler of the Chera Dynasty.

(c)& (d) Archaeological Survey of India proposes to carry out the exploration/excavation in Kurumathur, District Malappuram, Kerala in the next field season i.e. 2011-2012.