

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:919  
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2009  
PROTECTION OF TEMPLES AND MONUMENTS  
Kumar Shri P.

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has taken steps to protect temples and monuments in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amounts of funds spent in this regard during the last three years and the current year, year-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. There are 413 Nos. of centrally protected monuments in Tamil Nadu. The requisite conservation works at these monuments are done regularly depending upon the availability of resources. The monuments are in good state of preservation.

(c) The details of amount spent for conservation during the last three years and provision of current financial year are as under:

Amount in Rupees

SI.NO YEAR      Expenditure incurred

1. 2006-07    4,95,25,841
2. 2007-08    5,92,62,319
3. 2008-09    5,76,91,745
4. 2009-10    6,14,00,500 (Provision for current year)