

Regarding various religious practices being followed by the Tamil Nadu Government along the State

DR. RANI SRIKUMAR (TENKASI): Hon Chairperson Sir, Vanakkam. During the last four and half years since the day our Hon Dravidian Model Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Shri. M. K. Stalin came to power, several schemes have been formulated for the Hindu Religious and Endowment Department. Till Today, holy consecration (Kumbabishekam) has been organized in more than 3935 temples of Tamil Nadu. As many as 8024 acres of temple land have been protected by the State Government from encroachers and encroachments. For up-gradation and renovation work in 352 ancient temples, approximately Rs. 560 crore has been allocated by the State government of Tamil Nadu. Another achievement is that Car festivals which have not been organized for the last 150 years has been organized by the present Government of Tamil Nadu. Every year approximately Rs.120 crore has been allocated for providing free food (Annadanam) in temples which has benefited approximately 3 Crore and 65 lakh devotees. Hon. Chairman Sir, Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has devised several schemes with a view of ensuring the people of Tamil Nadu to worship and follow their religious practices peacefully and with freedom. This is the practice which we even follow today. Nobody should teach us on how to worship our God of Tamil, Lord Murugan and what are the associated rituals. There is peace and tranquility prevailing in Tamil Nadu. In this scenario, some communal forces are trying to spread false propaganda for dividing the people and to make it a land of riots by disturbing its peace and tranquility. This will never be acceptable for the people of Tamil Nadu. Our Hon. Chief Minister has been implementing several schemes in a secular manner. Will these schemes be implemented in other states by the Union government, getting inspiration from the functioning Tamil Nadu? Hon. Chairperson Sir, Can you emulate Tamil Nadu?

HON. CHAIRPERSON : You have already made your point.

Now, Shri K. C. Venugopal ji.

(Interruptions)

HON. CHAIRPERSON: During Zero Hour, you are well aware of it.

(Interruptions)

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Kindly conclude.

DR. RANI SRIKUMAR : want to categorically state that if Lord Muruga smiles at Tirupparankundram and the sound of his laughter will be echoed not only in Tiruttani but also in Delhi. Tamil Nadu will fight against communal forces. Tamil Nadu will definitely win.