

Table - MGR's Productivity in the Number of Tamil Movies he starred (1936-1978)

Year*	Total number of Tamil movies released*	MGR starrers released in each year#
1931	1	
1932	4	
1933	7	
1934	14	
1935	38	
1936	38	2
1937	37	0
1938	39	2
1939	35	2
1940	36	0
1941	32	2
1942	23	1
1943	13	2
1944	14	0
1945	11	2
1946	16	1
1947	29	2
1948	32	3
1949	21	1
1950	19	2
1951	26	2
1952	32	3
1953	42	3
1954	38	2
1955	46	1
1956	51	3
1957	45	4
1958	61	1
1959	78	1
1960	64	3
1961	49	5

1962	60	6
1963	55	9
1964	44	7
1965	56	7
1966	62	9
1967	63	4
1968	63	8
1969	70	2
1970	75	5
1971	74	4
1972	77	6
1973	66	2
1974	79	3
1975	70	4
1976	81	3
1977	66	3
1978	105	1
GRAND TOTAL	2,157	133

**source*: Eric Barnouw and S.Krishnaswamy (1980). Notable years are indicated in red. 1936 – MGR’s debut; 1947 –first hero role; 1950 – becomes an established star and no subsidiary role until retirement in 1978; 1967 – gun-shot wound and rehabilitation; 1972 – established his new political party; 1977 – elected Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
#*source*: M.S.S.Pandian (1992)