GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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IDENTIFICATION OF MORE TOURIST PLACES IN TAMIL NADU

1435.   SHRI P. WILSON:

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

(a)   whether Government will give any grant for upkeeping, preservation and maintaining Mahabalipuram since Mahabalipuram is now upgraded as world class tourist centre;
(b)   if so, the details thereof; and
(c)   the reasons for not identifying more places in Tamil Nadu as tourist places in the world map by the Ministry in order to attract more tourists and earn foreign exchange and give direct and indirect employment in Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c):   The Ministry under its scheme of Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD provides financial Assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure and facilities in the country including Tamil Nadu. The projects under the schemes are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable Detailed Project Reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

Based on the above criteria, Ministry has sanctioned following projects in Tamil Nadu including Mamallapuram.

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	Scheme	Circuit/ Year of Sanction	Name of the project	Amount Sanctioned
1	Swadesh Darshan	Coastal Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Chennai-Mamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Kulasekaranpattinam – Kanyakumari	74.58
2	PRASHAD	2016-17	Development of Kanchipuram	16.48
3	PRASHAD	2016-17	Development of Vellankani	5.60

Ministry has also identified Mahabalipuram as one of the 17 sites for development in the country under the Development of Iconic Tourist site scheme.

Operation and Maintenance of assets/facilities created under the above schemes is the responsibility of concerned State Government.

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