

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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MAMALLAPURAM AS ICONIC TOURISM SITE

1431 SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the India - China informal summit was held at Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu during October 2019;
- (b) whether it is a fact that a promise was made that Mamallapuram will be developed as international tourism destination;
- (c) whether State Government of Tamil Nadu has sent the proposal to the Central Government to develop Mamallapuram as Iconic Tourism Site; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): Yes, Sir. India – China Informal Summit took place in Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu in October 2019.

(b) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism has identified Mamallapuram as one of the Iconic Site for development under the scheme ‘Iconic Tourist Destinations’. The scheme is not yet approved.

The Ministry of Tourism under its ‘Swadesh Darshan’ scheme has sanctioned a Coastal Circuit project in Tamil Nadu- “Development of (Chennai- Mamallapuram– Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)” in the year 2016-17 for Rs.73.13 crore. The project has Mamallapuram as one of the destination. The project is physically complete.

ASI has also accorded in-principle approval on the proposal for 3D Visual Laser Projection Mapping with animation technology at the Arjuna’s Penance, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu submitted by the Government of Tamil Nadu.
