

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2465
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022**

NEW PILGRIMAGE CENTRES IN TAMIL NADU

2465. SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any efforts to co-ordinate with the State of Tamil Nadu to identify new pilgrimage centres so as to include a few of them in its PRASHAD Scheme and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has sent any communication to the State Government of Tamil Nadu to identify the important religion places and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has taken any new steps to preserve the South Indian Dravidian architecture; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): Identification of destinations and approval of projects for development of tourism infrastructure at identified destinations under PRASHAD scheme is a continuous process. Ministry of Tourism, from time to time, writes to the State Governments / Union Territory administration including the state of Tamil Nadu to nominate the pilgrimage sites for development. After following due course two projects have been approved for the State Government of Tamil Nadu under PRASHAD Scheme as given below: -

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of Projects	Year of Sanction	Approved cost	Amount Released
1.	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99	13.99
2.	Development of Vellankani	2016-17	4.86	4.86

Physical execution of projects completed

(c) & (d): The aesthetics and architectural characteristics of proposed infrastructure initiatives is State government prerogative. However, during the project sanction meetings, the State Governments are requested to consider prevalent architectural styles for buildings to match the surroundings.
