

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2024
ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023**

TOURISM PROJECTS FOR KANNIYAKUMARI

2024. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY VASANTH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide financial assistance to the State of Tamil Nadu for development of tourism;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the number of projects being selected and considered for development;**
- (d) the details of financial assistance being approved for each project; and**
- (e) the details of the projects earmarked especially for Kanniyakumari?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism has provided financial assistance under the 'Swadesh Darshan', 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' Schemes for the development of tourism related infrastructure in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Ministry of Tourism has also provided financial assistance to the State of Tamil Nadu for organizing fairs/festivals & tourism related events under Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme.

The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped its Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations following a tourist & destination centric approach. Under SD2.0, Mamallapuram and the Nilgiris have been identified for development in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Proposals are received from States/UTs including the State of Tamil Nadu from time to time for seeking financial assistance under the various schemes of the Ministry of Tourism. These proposals are examined in context of the scheme guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated provisions and availability of funds.

The details of projects sanctioned in the State of Tamil Nadu under the Swadesh Darshan (1.0), PRASHAD, Assistance to Central Agencies and DPPH Schemes is given at Annexure.

(e): Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme has sanctioned a project "Development of Coastal Circuit (Chennai-Mamamallapuram- Rameshwaram-Manpadu-Kanyakumari)" for an amount of Rs.73.13 Crore during 2016-17 in Tamil Nadu. As part of this project components worth Rs.12.74 Crore were sanctioned in Kanyakumari. The project is now physically complete.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2024 ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023 REGARDING TOURISM PROJECTS FOR KANNIYAKUMARI.****Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Circuit	Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1.	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit	2016-17	Development of (Chennai-Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	73.13	69.48

PRASHAD Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Approved Cost	Amount Released
1.	Tamil Nadu	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99	13.99
2.		Development of Vellankani	2016-17	4.86	4.86

Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State/UT	Name of Projects	Central Agency	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
Year 2012-13					
1.	Tamil Nadu	Cruise Passenger Facilities Centre in the existing Passenger Terminal at Chennai Port	Chennai Port Trust	17.25	17.25
Year 2017-18					
2.	Tamil Nadu	Joint Development of Rameshwaram Railway Station	M/o Railways	4.70	3.76
Year 2018-19					

3.	Tamil Nadu	Joint Development of Madurai Railway Station	M/o Railways	4.48	3.56
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Financial assistance provided for organizing fairs/festivals & tourism related events under Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme

(Rs. in Lakh)

Name of State	Year	Name of Fairs & Festivals	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
Tamil Nadu	2015-16	Indian Dance Festival at Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu	8.00	8.00
	2016-17	India Dance Festival at Mamallapuram	25.00	25.00
	2017-18	India Dance Festival at Mamallapuram	25.00	25.00
	2018-19	India Dance Festival at Mamallapuram	25.00	25.00
	2019-20	Indian Dance Festival	25.00	25.00
		Kumari Festival	10.00	10.00
		Tourism Cultural Festival	15.00	15.00
	2021-22	India Dance Festival at Mamallapuram	25.00	25.00
