

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3159
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023**

**TOURIST DESTINATIONS SELECTED THROUGH
CHALLENGE MODE IN KERALA**

3159. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of tourism projects being implemented with central assistance in the State of Kerala including those in Alappuzha and Kollam districts;**
- (b) whether the Government has finalized the list of fifty tourism destinations to be developed through challenge mode as announced in the Union Budget for 2023-24 and if so, the details thereof including the State and UT-wise sites;**
- (c) whether the Government intends to include Pathiramanal Eco Tourism project in the list of fifty tourism destinations to be developed through challenge mode;**
- (d) whether the Government will consider providing financial assistance to State of Kerala for developing Alappuzha Marina cum Port project which aims to enhance the tourism prospects of Alappuzha district; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): Development and promotion of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, 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 Kerala.

The details of the projects sanctioned under the above mentioned schemes in the State of Kerala is given at Annexure. However, the Ministry of Tourism has not sanctioned any project under the above mentioned schemes in Alappuzha and Kollam Districts of Kerala.

(b) & (c): Ministry of Tourism organized Post Budget Webinar on 3rd March, 2023 on 'Developing Tourism in Mission Mode' with the objective to seek fruitful inputs of stakeholder for implementation of budget announcements. In addition, the Ministry of Tourism has initiated process to work out the modalities in this context.

(d) & (e): Proposals are received from State Governments/Union Territory Administrations from time to time for seeking financial assistance under the above schemes of the Ministry of Tourism. These proposals are examined in context of the scheme guidelines and financial assistance is extended for projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated provisions and availability of funds.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3159 ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023 REGARDING TOURIST DESTINATIONS SELECTED THROUGH CHALLENGE MODE IN KERALA.****Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Kerala	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady	64.08	64.08
2.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sabarimala -Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam	54.88	27.44
3.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamura	78.08	73.77
4.	Kerala	Rural Circuit 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35	23.77
5.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram-Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania-Chembazhanti Sree Narayana Gurukulam	66.43	15.57

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

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Approved Cost	Amount Released
1.	Kerala	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	45.19	45.19

Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	State	Name of Project	Central Agency	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
Year 2013-14					
1.	Kerala	Joint Development of Tourist amenities at Trivandrum Railway Station in Association with Ministry of Railway	M/o Railways	5.98	4.00
Year 2016-17					
2.	Kerala	Development of a Walkway/Promenade on Willingdon Island, Cochin, Kerala	Cochin Port Trust	9.01	8.27
3.	Kerala	Central Financial Assistance for upgrading of Berths & Backup area of Ernakulam Wharf	Cochin Port Trust	21.41	19.13
4.	Kerala	Project for Up-gradation of Golf Course at SAI Trivandrum Golf Club by the Sports Authority of India	Sport Authority of India	24.65	12.32
Year 2018-19					
5.	Kerala	Developing infrastructure at Cochin Port Cruise Terminal	Cochin Port Trust	1.21	1.14
6.	Kerala	Creation of additional tourism facilities at the Cochin Port Trust Walkway	Cochin Port Trust	4.66	4.66
Year 2019-20					
7.	Kerala	CFA for Development of Additional infrastructure in the new Cochin Port Trust Terminal	Cochin Port Trust	10.30	8.23
