

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.626
ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023**

TOURISM PROJECTS APPROVED IN TAMIL NADU AND ODISHA

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the tourism projects approved, sanctioned and executed along with the details of the tourism projects completed so far and the time by which the remaining projects are likely to be completed in Tamil Nadu during the last five years;**
- (b) the constraints faced by the Government while completing tourism projects in Tamil Nadu and Odisha;**
- (c) the reasons for the delay in completion of the pending projects;**
- (d) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for the development of tourism sector in these States;**
- (e) the details of employment potential created/ proposed to be created due to above projects;**
- (f) whether it is a fact that the Government has failed to develop tourism in Tamil Nadu and Odisha which have huge potential and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and**
- (g) the corrective steps taken by the Government to develop tourism in the States of Tamil Nadu and Odisha?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): The details of projects sanctioned, amount released and amount utilized along with their status in the States of Tamil Nadu

& Odisha under the Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies Schemes is given at Annexure.

(e): The projects sanctioned under the above schemes are under various stages of implementation for more footfalls to these tourism destinations/sites and creating more job opportunities for the local communities.

(f): No, Sir. The data of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVs) during 2020 to 2022 in Tamil Nadu and Odisha is given below:

(in Lakh)

Year	Tamil Nadu	Odisha
2020	1406.51	46.22
2021	1153.37	37.42
2022	2185.85	78.68

(g): Ministry of Tourism has taken several steps/initiatives for development and promotion of tourism in the country including Tamil Nadu and Odisha as per details given below:

- i. Development of tourism related infrastructure through projects sanctioned 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.**
- ii. The Ministry of Tourism has 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.**
- iii. Financial assistance has also been provided to the State Governments/UTs for organizing fairs/festivals & tourism related events under Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme.**
- iv. Dekho Apna Desh initiative launched with the objective to encourage citizens to travel within the country.**
- v. Thematic tourism like wellness tourism, culinary tourism, rural, eco-tourism, etc. amongst other niche subjects are promoted so as to expand the scope of tourism into other sectors as well.**

- vi. Providing facility of e-Visa for 5 sub-categories i.e. e-Tourist visa, e-Business visa, e-Medical visa, e-Medical Attendant visa and e-Conference visa for nationals of 167 countries.**
- vii. E-Visa has been further liberalized and the visa fee has been substantially reduced.**
- viii. Lowering of GST on hotels rooms with tariffs of ₹1,001 to ₹7,500/night to 12%; those above ₹7,501 to 18% to increase India's competitiveness as a tourism destination.**
- ix. On the recommendation of the Ministry of Tourism, 59 tourism routes have been awarded to the identified airlines by the Ministry of Civil Aviation under the RCS UDAN Scheme, for which Ministry of Tourism extends financial support in form of VGF (Viability Gap Funding). 53 of these routes have been operationalized to improve air connectivity to tourist destinations.**
- x. Ministry of Tourism is running Pan-India Incredible India Tourist Facilitator (IITF) Certification Program, a digital initiative that aims at creating an online learning platform with the objective of creating a pool of well trained and professional Tourist Facilitators/Guides across the country and generating employment opportunities at local level.**
- xi. Conducting Programmes under the 'Capacity Building for Service Providers' (CBSP) Scheme to train and up-grade manpower to provide better service standards.**

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.626 ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023 REGARDING TOURISM PROJECTS APPROVED IN TAMIL NADU AND ODISHA.****Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Amount Utilized	Physical Status (%)
1.	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of (Chennai- Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	73.13	69.48	69.48	Complete
2.	Odisha	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82	67.28	63.25	94.72%

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

Sl. No.	State	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Amount Utilized	Physical Progress
1.	Odisha	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham – Ramachandi - Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	2014-15	50.00	10.00	UC is awaited from State	Foreclosed
2.	Tamil Nadu	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99	13.99	13.99	Complete
3.		Development of Velankanni	2016-17	4.86	4.86	4.86	Complete

Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	State	Name of Projects	Central Agency	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Amount utilized	Status
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	17.25	Complete
Year 2016-17							
2.	Odisha	Joint Development of Puri Railway Station	M/o Railways	6.15	6.15	6.15	Complete
Year 2017-18							
3.	Tamil Nadu	Joint Development of Rameshwaram Railway Station	M/o Railways	4.70	3.76	2.27	Ongoing
Year 2018-19							
4.	Tamil Nadu	Joint Development of Madurai Railway Station	M/o Railways	4.48	3.56	2.23	Ongoing
