

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1270
ANSWERED ON 11.12.2023**

PRIORITY PROJECTS SUGGESTED BY KERALA UNDER SDS 2.0

1270. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has the details of the priority projects suggested by the Government of Kerala under Swadesh Darshan 2.0;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the projects from Idukki were not accorded priority while implementing these projects from the State of Kerala;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the projects from Idukki, Kerala can be included under Swadesh Darshan 2.0; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (f): The Ministry of Tourism (MOT) has revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan scheme 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourist destinations with tourist & destination centric approach. As per the SD2.0 scheme guidelines, the State Governments/UT Administrations prepare a State Perspective Plan (SPP) analysing tourism potential of various destinations based on the features like major tourism attractions, offerings, connectivity, current tourism eco system, state support etc. and the Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the respective State Government/UT Administration selects destinations for development under the scheme as per the prescribed procedures. Accordingly, the Ministry of Tourism has notified 'Kumarakom' and 'Kozhikode (Bey pore)' as destinations for development.

Under the Swadesh Darshan scheme, the MOT had sanctioned a project in 2015-16 for 'Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi-Vagamon-Thekkady' for revised cost of Rs.64.08 crore which included development of tourism related component at Idukki sanctioned for Rs.3.94 crore. The project is reported physically complete by the State Government.
