

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.213
ANSWERED ON 04.12.2023**

STATUS OF TOURISM PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU UNDER SDS

213. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the development projects identified for the State of Tamil Nadu during 2016-17 under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme;**
- (b) whether there was a gap with regard to the amount sanctioned and amount released for the projects and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Ministry returned any proposal sent by the Tamil Nadu Government under the said scheme and if so, the reasons for returning the proposal;**
- (d) the number of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme along with the details of the funds released for the projects to the State;**
- (e) whether any impact has been noticed as a result of development projects; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (f): The Ministry of Tourism (MOT) under its Swadesh Darshan scheme (SDS) had sanctioned a project 'Development of Chennai - Mamamallapuram - Rameshwaram - Kulasekaranpattinam - Kanyakumari' for ₹73.13 crore in the year 2016-17 and released a total amount of ₹71.03 crore, which in tune to the final expenditure reported by the State Government in the said project.

After 2018-19, the Ministry of Tourism undertook a comprehensive review of the scheme and all the proposals submitted by State Governments were deemed returned. Now the Ministry has revamped the scheme as 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)' with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations. 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. Accordingly, the Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the respective State Government/UT Administration selects destinations for development. The Ministry of Tourism has notified 55 destinations in the country including Tamil Nadu for development under the scheme, the list of which is annexed.

A third party impact assessment of the scheme was undertaken by National Productivity Council (NPC) in July 2019, which states that 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme has been able to give a fillip to livelihood opportunities and create employment for the local communities in construction phase.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.213 ANSWERED ON 04.12.2023 REGARDING STATUS OF TOURISM PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU UNDER SDS BY MS. S. JOTHIMANI****LIST OF DESTINATIONS NOTIFIED UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN 2.0**

Sn	States/Union Territory	Destinations Selected/Identified
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Gandikota, Arakku-Lambasingi
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nacho, Mechuka
3.	Assam	Jorhat, Kokrajhar
4.	Bihar	Gaya, Nalanda
5.	Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur, Jagdalpur
6.	Goa	Porvorim, Colva
7.	Gujarat	Dholavira, Dwarka
8.	Haryana	Panchkula (Morni)
9.	Himachal Pradesh	Pong Dam
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	Basholi
11.	Jharkhand	Chandil
12.	Karnataka	Hampi, Mysuru
13.	Kerala	Kumarakom, Kozhikode (Beypore)
14.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior, Chitrakoot
15.	Maharashtra	Sindhudurg
16.	Manipur	Moirang (Bishnupur)
17.	Meghalaya	Shillong, Sohra
18.	Mizoram	Aizawl, Champhai
19.	Nagaland	Niuland, Chumukedima
20.	Odisha	Koraput
21.	Punjab	Amritsar, Kapurthala
22.	Rajasthan	Bundi (Keshoraipatan), Jodhpur
23.	Sikkim	Gangtok, Gyalshing
24.	Tamil Nadu	Mamallapuram, The Nilgiris
25.	Telangana	Bhongir, Ananthagiri
26.	Tripura	Agartala, Unakoti
27.	Uttar Pradesh	Prayagraj, Naimisharanya

28.	Uttarakhand	Pittoragarh, Champavat
29.	Chandigarh	Chandigarh
30.	Lakshadweep	Lakshadweep
31.	Puducherry	Puducherry, Karaikal
32.	Ladakh	Leh, Kargil
	Total	55
