

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.7  
ANSWERED ON 04.12.2023**

**ONGOING PROJECTS TO PROMOTE PILGRIM TOURISM**

**7. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:**

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the tourism Ministry is contemplating to launch pilgrim tourism circuits in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of ongoing projects which are currently in place to promote pilgrim tourism in the country;**
- (c) the number of pilgrims traveling across States for religious journeys;**
- (d) whether the Government is planning to establish a pilgrim tourism circuit that connects significant religious sites such as the Sreekrishna Temple in Guruvayur, Vadakkumnathan Temple in Thrissur, Palayur Church, Koodalmanikyam Temple in Irinjalakkuda, Bhagavati Temple in Kodungallur, Cheraman Juma Masjid in Kodungallur, Sreeramaswamy Temple in Thriprayar, etc.; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a) to (e): Ministry of Tourism, under its schemes viz. 'SWADESH DARSHAN', 'PRASHAD' (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive) and 'Assistance to Central Agencies' provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territories Administrations (UTA) for development of infrastructure at tourism destinations including pilgrimage sites in the country. The projects under the schemes are identified in consultation with the State/UT Administration/ Central Agencies and are subject to adherence to the scheme's guidelines, availability of funds and status of ongoing projects.**

**A total of 76 projects have been sanctioned under 'SWADESH DARSHAN', 46 projects under 'PRASHAD' and 38 projects under 'Assistance to Central Agencies' Schemes respectively by Ministry of Tourism.**

**The Ministry does not maintain data on pilgrims travelling across state for religious journeys. However, details of State-wise Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVs) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) during 2018-2022 are annexed at Annexure-I.**

**The details of Projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism under the above-mentioned schemes in the State of Kerala are annexed at Annexure-II.**

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**ANNEXURE-I****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.7 ANSWERED ON 04.12.2023 REGARDING ONGOING PROJECTS TO PROMOTE PILGRIM TOURISM BY SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN.****Details of State-wise Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVs) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) during 2018-2022****(in Lakhs)**

States/UTs	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV
<b>Andaman &amp; Nicobar Islands</b>	<b>4.98</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>5.05</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>2.35</b>	<b>0.04</b>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>1947.68</b>	<b>2.81</b>	<b>2370.52</b>	<b>2.80</b>	<b>708.29</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>932.78</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>1927.17</b>	<b>1.66</b>
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>5.12</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>5.56</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2.22</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Assam</b>	<b>47.11</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>54.48</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>12.67</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>14.09</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>83.82</b>	<b>0.09</b>
<b>Bihar</b>	<b>336.22</b>	<b>10.88</b>	<b>339.90</b>	<b>10.93</b>	<b>56.38</b>	<b>3.08</b>	<b>25.01</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>253.30</b>	<b>0.87</b>
<b>Chandigarh</b>	<b>15.39</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>15.64</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>4.18</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>2.29</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>30.27</b>	<b>0.28</b>
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>193.30</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>173.05</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>28.10</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>47.47</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>236.36</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>UT of Dadra &amp; Nagar Haveli &amp; Daman &amp; Diu</b>	<b>15.08</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>15.16</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>4.02</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>6.61</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>Delhi</b>	<b>291.14</b>	<b>27.41</b>	<b>364.68</b>	<b>29.83</b>	<b>95.84</b>	<b>6.81</b>	<b>106.42</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>271.86</b>	<b>8.16</b>
<b>Goa</b>	<b>70.82</b>	<b>9.34</b>	<b>71.27</b>	<b>9.37</b>	<b>32.59</b>	<b>3.03</b>	<b>33.08</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>70.12</b>	<b>1.75</b>
<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>543.70</b>	<b>5.13</b>	<b>588.65</b>	<b>5.96</b>	<b>194.65</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>245.25</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>1358.11</b>	<b>17.77</b>
<b>Haryana</b>	<b>48.89</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>45.49</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>21.15</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>20.25</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>21.08</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>160.94</b>	<b>3.57</b>	<b>168.29</b>	<b>3.83</b>	<b>31.71</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>56.32</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>150.71</b>	<b>0.29</b>
<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>170.76</b>	<b>1.40</b>	<b>161.63</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>25.20</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>113.15</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>184.99</b>	<b>0.20</b>
<b>Jharkhand</b>	<b>354.09</b>	<b>1.76</b>	<b>355.81</b>	<b>1.76</b>	<b>25.75</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>33.84</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>382.84</b>	<b>1.92</b>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>2143.06</b>	<b>5.44</b>	<b>2279.35</b>	<b>6.09</b>	<b>774.53</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>813.34</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>1824.13</b>	<b>1.29</b>
<b>Kerala</b>	<b>156.05</b>	<b>10.96</b>	<b>183.84</b>	<b>11.90</b>	<b>49.89</b>	<b>3.41</b>	<b>75.38</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>188.67</b>	<b>3.46</b>
<b>Lakshadweep</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>839.70</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>887.07</b>	<b>3.28</b>	<b>235.20</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>255.54</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>358.49</b>	<b>2.04</b>

States/UTs	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>1191.92</b>	<b>50.79</b>	<b>1492.95</b>	<b>55.29</b>	<b>392.35</b>	<b>12.62</b>	<b>435.69</b>	<b>1.86</b>	<b>1112.98</b>	<b>15.12</b>
<b>Manipur</b>	<b>1.76</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>1.40</b>	<b>0.04</b>
<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>11.98</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>12.46</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9.37</b>	<b>0.08</b>
<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>1.64</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2.18</b>	<b>0.03</b>
<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>0.03</b>
<b>Odisha</b>	<b>152.09</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>153.08</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>46.22</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>37.42</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>78.68</b>	<b>0.22</b>
<b>Puducherry</b>	<b>16.17</b>	<b>1.41</b>	<b>17.13</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>11.15</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>12.53</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17.60</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Punjab</b>	<b>445.95</b>	<b>12.01</b>	<b>473.85</b>	<b>11.01</b>	<b>166.92</b>	<b>3.59</b>	<b>266.40</b>	<b>3.08</b>	<b>260.89</b>	<b>3.29</b>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>502.36</b>	<b>17.54</b>	<b>522.20</b>	<b>16.06</b>	<b>151.17</b>	<b>4.46</b>	<b>219.89</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>1083.28</b>	<b>3.97</b>
<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>14.26</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>14.22</b>	<b>1.33</b>	<b>3.16</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>5.12</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>16.26</b>	<b>0.69</b>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>3859.09</b>	<b>60.74</b>	<b>4948.65</b>	<b>68.66</b>	<b>1406.51</b>	<b>12.28</b>	<b>1153.37</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>2185.85</b>	<b>4.07</b>
<b>Tripura</b>	<b>4.14</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>4.37</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>1.28</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>1.78</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2.36</b>	<b>0.08</b>
<b>Telangana</b>	<b>928.78</b>	<b>3.18</b>	<b>830.36</b>	<b>3.23</b>	<b>399.97</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>320.01</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>607.48</b>	<b>0.68</b>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>2850.80</b>	<b>37.81</b>	<b>5358.55</b>	<b>47.45</b>	<b>861.22</b>	<b>8.91</b>	<b>1097.08</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>3179.14</b>	<b>6.49</b>
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>356.10</b>	<b>1.51</b>	<b>375.86</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>70.05</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>194.34</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>546.43</b>	<b>0.62</b>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>856.57</b>	<b>16.17</b>	<b>923.66</b>	<b>16.56</b>	<b>288.42</b>	<b>4.63</b>	<b>243.26</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>845.42</b>	<b>10.37</b>
<b>Ladakh</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2.41</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>3.03</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>5.10</b>	<b>0.21</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>18537.9</b>	<b>288.5</b>	<b>23219.8</b>	<b>314.1</b>	<b>6102.2</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>6776.3</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>17310.1</b>	<b>85.9</b>

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**ANNEXURE-II****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.7 ANSWERED ON 04.12.2023 REGARDING ONGOING PROJECTS TO PROMOTE PILGRIM TOURISM BY SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN.****Details of the projects sanctioned under various schemes of Ministry of Tourism in the State of Kerala****(Amt. in Cr.)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of Scheme</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Swadesh Darshan</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Eco Circuit: Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady</b>	<b>64.08</b>
<b>2</b>		<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit: Development of Sabrimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam.</b>	<b>47.74</b>
<b>3</b>		<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit: Development of Sree Padmanabha Temple, Aranmula</b>	<b>78.08</b>
<b>4</b>		<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit: Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania- Chembazhant hi Sree Narayana Gurukulam</b>	<b>66.42</b>
<b>5</b>		<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Rural Circuit: Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project</b>	<b>57.35</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>PRASHAD</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Development at Guruvayur Temple</b>	<b>45.19</b>
<b>7</b>		<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Development of a Walkway/Promenade</b>	<b>9.01</b>

			<b>Willingdon Island, Cochin, Kerala</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>ASSISTANCE TO CENTRAL AGENCIES</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Central Financial Assistance for upgrading of Births &amp; Backup area of Ernakulam Wharf</b>	<b>21.41</b>
<b>9</b>		<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Project for Up-gradation of Golf Course at SAI Trivandrum Golf Club by the Sports Authority of India</b>	<b>24.64</b>
<b>10</b>		<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Developing infrastructure at Cochin Port Cruise Terminal.</b>	<b>1.20</b>
<b>11</b>		<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Creation of additional tourism facilities at the Cochin north Trust Walkway</b>	<b>4.66</b>
<b>12</b>		<b>2019-20</b>	<b>CFA for Development of Additional infrastructure in the new Cochin Port Trust Terminal</b>	<b>10.29</b>

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