

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1103
ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024**

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM SPOTS IN TAMIL NADU

1103. SHRI K GOPINATH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated or is planning to develop tourism spots in the State of Tamil Nadu;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the places identified for such development;**
- (d) whether any DPRs have been received from the State Government to this effect and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the status of the projects as of now?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)', 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' complements the efforts for the development of tourism infrastructure in the country by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations including the State of Tamil Nadu. The projects under the schemes are sanctioned on receipt of appropriate project proposals, its adherence to the Scheme Guidelines, availability of budget etc.

The details of the projects sanctioned in Tamil Nadu under SD, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies schemes is annexed.

Ministry of Tourism has revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations and has shortlisted 'Mamallapuram' and 'the Nilgiris'. The Ministry has further sanctioned the project

'Immersive Experience at Shore Temple' in the State for ₹30.02 Crore in 2023-24.

The Ministry of Tourism has also issued guidelines for 'Challenge Based Destination Development', a sub-scheme under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 and shortlisted 'Rameswaram Island' & 'Thanjavur' under the Scheme.

Ministry of Tourism under its PRASHAD scheme identified 29 new sites in the country, which includes 'Navagriha Temple at 8 places' in the State of Tamil Nadu, as per the details given below:

- i. Sri Kailasanathar Temple, Thingalur, Thanjavur District**
- ii. Guru Bhagvan Temple, Alangudi, Thanjavur District**
- iii. Sri Naaganathar Temple, Thirunageshwaram, Thanjavur District**
- iv. Sri Suryanaar Temple, Thiruvidadimaruthur, Suriyanar Kovil, Thanjavur District**
- v. Sri Agneeswarar Temple, Kanjanur, Thanjavur District**
- vi. Sri Vaitheeshwaran Temple, Vaitheeshwaran Kovil, Mayiladuthurai District**
- vii. Sri Naganatha Swamy Temple, Keelaperumpallam, Mayiladuthurai District**
- viii. Suweethaaranyshwarar Temple, Thiruvenkadu, Mayiladuthurai District**

Further, Government of India has sanctioned two tourism projects in Tamil Nadu i.e. 'Nandavanam Heritage Park at Mamallapuram' for ₹99.67 Crore and 'Garden of flowers at Devala, Ooty' for ₹70.23 Crore under the 'Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2024-25'.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1103 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM SPOTS IN TAMIL NADU BY SHRI K GOPINATH**

The list of the projects sanctioned in Tamil Nadu under Swadesh Darshan scheme: -

S. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (₹ in Crore)	Physical progress of the project
1.	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of (Chennai- Mamamallapuram - Rameshwaram - Manpadu - Kanyakumari)	73.13	Complete

List of projects sanctioned in Tamil Nadu under PRASHAD Scheme: -

S.No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost (₹ in Crore)	Physical progress of project
1	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99	Complete
2	Development of Velankanni	2016-17	4.86	Complete

List of Projects Sanctioned in Tamil Nadu under the Scheme Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development.

S. No.	Year of Sanction	Name of Project	Agency	Amount Sanctioned (₹ in Crore)	Physical progress of project
1	2012-13	Cruise Passenger Facilities Centre in the existing Passenger Terminal at Chennai Port	Chennai Port Trust	17.25	Complete
