

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3436  
ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024**

**TOURISM PROJECTS IN KERALA**

**3436. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:**

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

- (a) the total number of tourism projects allotted to the State of Kerala by the Government during the last five years, projects and locations-wise;**
- (b) the details of current status of each of these projects along with stages of development and any delays or challenges faced;**
- (c) the total funds allocated for tourism development in the State of Kerala and the manner in which these funds have been utilized so far;**
- (d) whether the Government has any plans for new tourism infrastructure projects, such as resorts, eco-tourism facilities, heritage sites in the said State and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to promote the said State as a top tourist destination, particularly focusing on sustainable and responsible tourism;**
- (f) the manner in which the Government is collaborating with the Kerala State Government and local stakeholders to ensure the successful implementation of these projects; and**
- (g) the status of upcoming tourism projects planned for Kerala, along with the timelines for their commencement and completion?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (g): Development and promotion of tourism in the country is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments (SGs)/Union Territory Administrations (UTs).**

**The Ministry of Tourism complements the efforts of SGs/UTs by providing financial assistance under its 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' for**

**development of tourism amenities on receipt of project proposals in line with the relevant scheme guidelines, availability of funds under relevant schemes etc. Under the Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD schemes, the Ministry sanctioned 5 projects and 1 project respectively in the State of Kerala.**

**The Ministry has now revamped the 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme as 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations in the country and has sanctioned 1 Project in the State of Kerala under SD2.0. Ministry of Tourism under its another central sector scheme of 'Assistance to Central Agencies' has also sanctioned 6 Projects in the State of Kerala.**

**On receipt of the project proposals from the State Governments under 'Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2024-25 (SASCI)', Government of India has recently sanctioned 40 projects in the country including 2 projects in Kerala.**

**The funds in respect of the sanctioned projects are released/ authorized in instalments as per scheme guidelines and the same is utilized by the concerned implementing agency. In order to mitigate the issues and expedite implementation of the projects, Ministry of Tourism from time to time reviews progress of sanction projects with the State Governments/UTs/Implementing Agencies.**

**Ministry of Tourism holistically promotes various tourist destinations and products of the country including Kerala for sustainable and responsible development of tourism. These promotional activities are undertaken through various endeavours of the Ministry which include promotion in domestic and international markets, social media handles, website, events etc.**

**The details of the projects sanctioned in Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD, SD2.0, Assistance to Central Agencies and SASCI along with Status in the State of Kerala is annexed.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3436 ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024 REGARDING TOURISM PROJECTS IN KERALA RAISED BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH**

The details of Tourism Projects in the State of Kerala:-

The list of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme in the State of Kerala:-

(₹ in Crore)

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Circuit / Sanction Year</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Released /Authorised</b>	<b>Physical Status</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Eco Circuit 2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi- Vagamon-Thekkady</b>	<b>64.08</b>	<b>64.08</b>	<b>Complete</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam</b>	<b>46.54</b>	<b>33.39</b>	<b>Complete</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula</b>	<b>78.08</b>	<b>73.77</b>	<b>Complete</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Rural Circuit 2018-19</b>	<b>Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project</b>	<b>57.35</b>	<b>45.88</b>	<b>Complete</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit 2018-19</b>	<b>Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram-Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania-Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam</b>	<b>66.42</b>	<b>42.01</b>	<b>Under Implementation (Ministry of Tourism has requested concerned to expedite project implementation)</b>

**List of sanctioned projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme in the State of Kerala:-**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Name of the Experience</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost (₹ in Crore)</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.	Kumarakom	Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary Experience	2023-24	13.92	Sanctioned (Experience to be developed within one year of award of work.)

**List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in the State of Kerala:-**

(₹ in Crore)

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Approved Cost</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>	<b>Physical Status</b>
1.	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	45.19	45.19	Complete

**List of Projects Sanctioned under the Scheme Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development in the State of Kerala:-**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Amount sanctioned (₹ in Crore)</b>	<b>Amount Released (₹ in Crore)</b>	<b>Physical Status</b>
1.	2016-17	Development of a Walkway/Promenade on Willingdon Island, Cochin, Kerala	Cochin Port Trust	9.01	8.26	Complete
2.	2016-17	Central Financial Assistance for upgrading of Births & Backup area of Ernakulam Wharf	Cochin Port Trust	21.41	19.13	Complete

<b>3.</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>Sports Authority of India</b>	<b>24.65</b>	<b>12.32</b>	<b>Complete</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Developing infrastructure at Cochin Port Cruise Terminal.</b>	<b>Cochin Port Trust</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>Complete</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Creation of additional tourism facilities at the Cochin Port Trust Walkway</b>	<b>Cochin Port Trust</b>	<b>4.66</b>	<b>4.66</b>	<b>Complete</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>Development of Additional infrastructure in the new Cochin Port Trust Terminal</b>	<b>Cochin Port Trust</b>	<b>10.29</b>	<b>8.89</b>	<b>Complete</b>

**List of sanctioned projects under SASCI Scheme in the State of Kerala:-**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Cost (in ₹ Crore)</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Ashtamudi Biodiversity and Eco-recreational Hub, Kollam</b>	<b>59.71</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Sanctioned (To be developed and completed within maximum of two (2) year's period.)</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Sargaalaya: Global Gateway to Malabar's Cultural Crucible</b>	<b>95.34</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Sanctioned (To be developed and completed within maximum of two (2) year's period.)</b>

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