

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3171**  
ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025

**PRASHAD SCHEME AND SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU**

3171 SHRI R. DHARMAR:

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

- (a) the details of the PRASHAD scheme and Swadesh Darshan scheme currently being implemented in Tamil Nadu, including the number of projects and areas covered under each scheme;
- (b) the total financial allocation made to Tamil Nadu under both schemes, and the progress of fund utilization in the last financial year;
- (c) the specific religious and cultural sites that have been developed or are being developed under PRASHAD scheme in Tamil Nadu, and tourism infrastructure improvements made under Swadesh Darshan scheme; and
- (d) the steps taken to enhance tourism, employment, and local economy through these schemes, especially in rural or less-developed areas of Tamil Nadu?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism through the ongoing schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of the State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs) by extending financial assistance to SGs/UTs for tourism infrastructure development. The details of the projects sanctioned including the funds released and utilized under the aforementioned schemes in Tamil Nadu is given in the Annexure.

(d): Under the Central Sector Schemes of PRASHAD and Swadesh Darshan, the Ministry of Tourism seeks to develop tourism infrastructure holistically across India including Tamil Nadu, thereby enhancing tourism, employment, and local economy.

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3171 ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025 REGARDING PRASHAD SCHEME AND SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU RAISED BY SHRI R. DHARMAR**

List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Tamil Nadu

(Rs. In Crore)

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Utilized
1	Development of Kanchipuram	13.99	14.84*
2	Development of Velankanni	4.86	4.86

\*Higher Utilization Certificate was submitted by the State Government.

List of sites Identified in Tamil Nadu under PRASHAD Scheme

Sr. No.	Project Name
1	Navagriha Temple at 8 places in Tamil Nadu 1.Sri Kailasanathar Temple, Thingalur, Thanjavur District 2.Guru Bhagvan Temple, Alangudi, Thanjavur District 3.Sri Naaganathar Temple, Thirunageshwaram, Thanjavur District 4.Sri Suryanaar Temple, Thiruvidadimaruthur, Suriyanar Kovil, Thanjavur District 5.Sri Agneeswarar Temple, Kanjanur, Thanjavur District 6.Sri Vaitheeshwaran Temple, Vaitheeswaran Kovil, Mayiladuthurai District 7.Sri Naganatha Swamy Temple, Keelaperumpallam, Mayiladuthurai District 8.Suweethaaranyshwarar Temple, Thiruvankadu, Mayiladuthurai District

List of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Tamil Nadu

(Rs. In Crore)

Sr. No.	Circuit/Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Utilized
1	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of (Chennai- Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	73.13	71.03

List of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in Tamil Nadu:

Sr. No.	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Amount (Rs. In Crore)	Amount Utilized
1	Mamallapuram	Immersive experience at Shore Temple	30.02	-

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