

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3986
ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025**

PROJECTS UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU

3986. SHRI MANI A:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of major projects undertaken in Tamil Nadu under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme, such as the development of heritage/spiritual destinations and the expected completion timelines;**
- (b) the details of the specific infrastructure components developed under the scheme in Tamil Nadu, such as tourism facilities, amenities, approach roads, lighting, signages, interpretation centres and eco-friendly solutions;**
- (c) whether any proposals from Tamil Nadu specifically for Dharmapuri Lok Sabha Constituency are currently under consideration or awaiting approval under the PRASHAD Scheme and if so, the details and reasons for any delays; and**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to expand the coverage of the PRASHAD Scheme to include additional spiritual and heritage destinations in Tamil Nadu, especially in underserved districts?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Development of tourist destinations and products is primarily undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism under the “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive” (PRASHAD) provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure at identified religious and heritage sites across the country, including the State of Tamil Nadu.

Under the scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 3 projects in the State of Tamil Nadu namely Development of Kanchipuram, Development of Velankanni and Development of 8 Navagraha Temples. The details of these projects is placed at Annexure.

Receiving proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations for financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfillment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3986 ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025 REGARDING PROJECTS UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU RAISED BY SHRI MANI A**

List of Projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu is as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	Project Name	Components	Sanction Year	Sanction Amount	Status
1	Development of Kanchipuram	Tourist Information Centre, Cloak Room, RO Plant, Pathway, Signages, Parking Facilities, Security Room, Sanitary Block, Tourist Interpretation Centre, Rejuvenation of Natural Water Bodies/Temple Tanks, Compound Wall, Entry/Entrance Arch & Gate, Seating Facilities	2016-17	13.99	Completed
2	Development of Velankanni	Paver Block Road, Toilet Block, Compound Wall, Retaining Wall, Pathway with Rails, Seating Benches, Street Lighting, CCTV System with Control Room	2016-17	4.86	Completed
3	Development of 8 Navagraha Temples	Waiting Lounge, Cloak Room, Toilet, Navagraha Celestial Park, Rainwater Harvesting, Directional Signage	2024-25	40.94	Ongoing
