

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1422
ANSWERED ON 11.12.2025

TOURISM PROJECTS IN KERALA

1422 SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

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

- (a) the details of tourism projects sanctioned for Kerala during the last five years;
- (b) the current status of each sanctioned project;
- (c) whether any new projects are under consideration during the current financial year;
- (d) the funds allocated to Kerala under various tourism development schemes during the last five years;
- (e) the year-wise and scheme-wise details of funds released; and
- (f) the funds utilized by the State Government, along with the reasons for any under-utilization?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (f): Development of tourist destinations and tourism products are primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA). However, the Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)', 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)' – a sub-scheme of SD2.0, 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies (ACA) for Tourism Infrastructure Development' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations/Central Agencies; subject to adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), availability of funds, inter-se priority etc.

In addition, Government of India under its initiative for 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI)' has also provided financial assistance to the States for development of tourism related projects.

Presently there is no new proposal under consideration for sanctioning of projects in the state of Kerala under the above-mentioned schemes.

The details of projects sanctioned during the last five years under aforesaid schemes by the Ministry of Tourism in the state of Kerala along with released/ authorized, utilized and current status are **annexed**.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1422 ANSWERED ON 11.12.2025 REGARDING TOURISM PROJECTS IN KERALA RAISED BY SHRI ABDUL WAHAB

(i) Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme during the last five years in the State of Kerala:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

S . No.	Year of Sanction	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Authorized for utilization by Implementing Agency	Current Status
1.	2023-24	Kumarakom	Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary Experience	13.81	1.38	Work commenced
2.	2024-25	Alappuzha	Alappuzha: A Global Water Wonderland	93.18	9.32	Work commenced
3.	2024-25	Malampuzha	Enhancement of Tourist Experience at Malampuzha Garden and Leisure Park	75.87	7.59	Work commenced

(ii) Details of Project sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme during the last five years in the State of Kerala:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

S. No.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Category	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Authorized for utilization by Implementing Agency	Current Status
1.	2024-25	Thalassery: The Spiritual Nexus	Spiritual Tourism	25.00	2.50	Work commenced
2.	2024-25	Varkala- Dakshin Kashi	Culture & Heritage	25.00	2.50	Work commenced

(iii) Details of Project sanctioned under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme during the last five years in the State of Kerala:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

S.No.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Released for utilization	Current Status
1.	2024-25	Ashtamudi Biodiversity and Eco-recreational Hub in Kollam	59.71	102.33	Work commenced
2.	2024-25	Global Gateway to Malabar's Cultural Crucible in Sargaalaya	95.34		Work commenced
