

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2636
ANSWERED ON 09.03.2026**

SIVAGIRI TOURISM CIRCUIT PROJECT

2636. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of Sivagiri Tourism Circuit Project in Kerala;**
- (b) if so, the details of the fund released, utilized and works completed as on date;**
- (c) whether the utilization certificate for the sanctioned funds has been received and the time by which the remaining funds are likely to be released for this project; and**
- (d) whether the Government has noted the delay in the implementation of this project and if so, the measures taken/being taken by the Government to complete the project without further delay?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism sanctioned the project “Development of Spiritual Circuit: Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram–Aruvipuram–Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania–Chempazhanthy Sree Narayana Gurukulam” in the State of Kerala under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme on 03.01.2019 with a sanctioned cost of ₹69.47 crore, which was subsequently revised to ₹66.42 crore on 14.07.2022. The project is being implemented by India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC).

A Utilisation Certificate for ₹34.21 crore has been received from the implementing agency namely India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), against the funds authorised for release. Release of further funds is governed by the provisions of the scheme guidelines and is subject to submission of the requisite documents and compliance with the prescribed conditions.

As reported by the implementing agency, works at Aruvipuram, Kunnumpara and Chempazhanthy sites have largely been completed except for certain landscaping activities. At the Sivagiri site, certain components such as parking facilities, water kiosk, rain shelter, solar power plant, solar street lighting, battery-operated vehicles, underground cabling and CCTV, installations of solar power plant have been completed. Some components including works relating to Tourist Facilitation Centre, Audio Visual Hall and Dining Hall have not progressed due to issues relating to unavailability of un-encumbered land, revision of drawings by the Mutt authority, non receipt of the sanction of the plan from the Municipality and requirement of additional funds on account of increase in scope of work by Mutt Authorities.

The Ministry reviews the progress of the project from time to time based on reports submitted by the implementing agency. Delay in completion of the project has been noted and the implementing agency has been advised to expedite the execution of the remaining works in coordination with the concerned authorities in accordance with the approved project framework.
