

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3175
ANSWERED ON 19.03.2026

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN TAMIL NADU

3175 SHRI I.S. INBADURAI:

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

- (a) the funds allocated and released for tourism development projects in Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current financial year, scheme-wise;
- (b) whether tourism infrastructure projects in the State have been sanctioned under central schemes such as Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD and if so, project-wise status and expenditure incurred; and
- (c) whether any special financial assistance has been provided for coastal, heritage and eco-tourism development in the State and if so, the details of locations covered and funds utilised?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Development of tourism infrastructure, amenities and experiences at different destinations is primarily done by the concerned State Government (SG)/UT Administration (UTA). However, Ministry of Tourism under its various schemes including 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)', 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', 'Challenge Based Destination Development – CBDD' a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme, and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' provides financial assistance for development of tourism infrastructure and experiences in the country including coastal, heritage and eco-tourism development.

The Government of India under its 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' provides financial assistance with the primary objective to comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country.

Proposals for seeking financial assistance for the development of the tourism infrastructure are formulated by the concerned State/UT. The proposals received are examined in accordance with the prescribed guidelines, and financial assistance is provided subject to fulfilment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds.

The details of projects sanctioned under the aforementioned schemes in the State of Tamil Nadu are **annexed**.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3175 ANSWERED ON 19.03.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN TAMIL NADU RAISED BY SHRI I.S. INBADURAI

Details of projects sanctioned under SD, SD 2.0, CBDD, SASCI and PRASHAD schemes in the State of Tamil Nadu is as under:

(₹ in Crore)

S. No.	Name of Project and Sanction Year	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Amount Utilised	Status
A	Swadesh Darshan 1.0				
i.	Development of Chennai-Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari (December 2015)	73.13	71.03	71.03	Complete
B	Swadesh Darshan 2.0				
i.	Immersive experience at Shore Temple (March 2024)	30.02	0	0	Sanctioned (Work not Commenced by State Government)
C	Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)				
i.	Iconic transformation of Rameswaram under Spiritual (March 2025)	20.01	2	0	At Implementation Stage
D	Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)				
i.	Development of Kanchipuram (Aug 2020)	13.99	13.99	13.99	Complete
ii.	Development of Velankanni (May 2020)	4.86	4.86	4.86	Complete
iii.	Development of 8 Navagraha Temples (March 2025)	40.94	0	0	At Implementation Stage
E	Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI)				
i.	Nandavanam Heritage Park (Nov 2024)	99.67	65.78	0	At Implementation Stage
ii.	Eco Park at Race Course in Ooty (Nov 2024)	70.23	46.35	0	At Implementation Stage
