

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1411
ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN TAMIL NADU

1411. SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has proposed any schemes and financial assistance for the development of tourism in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of projects being selected and considered for development;
- (d) the details of the financial assistance sanctioned/being sanctioned for each project; and
- (e) the details of the projects identified in Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism under the schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' has provided financial assistance to State Government/Central Agencies for the development of tourism-related infrastructure in the State of Tamil Nadu.

The Ministry of Tourism has revamped its Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations following a tourist & destination centric approach. Under SD2.0, 'Mamallapuram' & 'The Nilgiris' destinations have been identified for development in the State of Tamil Nadu.

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 fulfilment of the stipulated conditions, operational viability and availability of funds.

The details of projects sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan 1.0, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies Schemes in the State of Tamil Nadu is given at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1411 ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN TAMIL NADU BY SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR.

Swadesh Darshan Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Circuit	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of (Chennai- Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	73.13

PRASHAD Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Approved Cost
1.	Tamil Nadu	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99
2.	Tamil Nadu	Development of Velankanni	2016-17	4.86

Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Name of Projects	Year	Central Agency	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Tamil Nadu	Cruise Passenger Facilities Centre in the existing Passenger Terminal at Chennai Port	2012-13	Chennai Port Trust	17.25
2.	Tamil Nadu	Joint Development of Rameshwaram Railway Station	2017-18	M/o Railways	4.70
3.	Tamil Nadu	Joint Development of Madurai Railway Station	2018-19	M/o Railways	4.48
