

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.449
ANSWERED ON 25.07.2024

VARIOUS TOURISM SCHEMES FOR TAMIL NADU

449. SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:

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

- (a) The funds allocated under various schemes of the Ministry for the State of Tamil Nadu, particularly to districts Tiruchi, Thanjavur, Thiruvarur, Mayiladuthurai which have rich and abundant tourist places and eco-tourism;
- (b) the details of projects undertaken in the State for fostering sustainable and responsible centric approaches to improve tourism infrastructure; and
- (c) whether, in view of lot of potential for the tourism development, more funds will be allocated under various schemes for the State, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): 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' provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for the development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities at various tourism destinations in the country.

The details of projects sanctioned under the above mentioned schemes in the State of Tamil Nadu are given at **Annexure-I**.

The Ministry of Tourism has recently revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, following a destination & tourism centric approach. Under this scheme the Ministry has sanctioned a project 'Immersive experience at Shore Temple' for Rs. 30.02 Crore in Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu.

Financial assistance has also been provided to the State of Tamil Nadu for organizing fairs/ festivals & tourism related events under Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme. Details of funds sanctioned in the last five years for the State of Tamil Nadu are at **Annexure-II**.

Proposals are received from States/UTs from time to time for seeking financial assistance under the various schemes of the Ministry of Tourism. These proposals are extended for projects subject to fulfillment of the stipulated provisions and availability of funds.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.449 ANSWERED ON 25.07.2024 REGARDING VARIOUS TOURISM SCHEMES FOR TAMIL NADU BY SHRI M. SHANMUGAM.

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

Sl No.	Circuit/ Sanction year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of (Chennai-Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	73.13	71.03

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

Sl No.	Project Name	Sanction year	Approved Cost	Amount Released
1.	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99	13.99
2.	Development of Velankanni	2016-17	4.86	4.86

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

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Central Agency	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Cruise Passenger Facilities Centre in the existing Passenger Terminal at Chennai Port.	Chennai Port Trust	2012-13	17.25	17.25
2.	Joint Development of Rameshwaram Railway Station	Ministry of Railways	2017-18	4.70	3.76
3.	Joint Development of Madurai Railway Station	Ministry of Railways	2018-19	4.48	3.56

ANNEXURE-II

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Financial Assistance to Government of Tamil Nadu for organising Fairs & Festivals and Tourism Related Events in last five years:-

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Year	Name of Fairs & Festival	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1	2019-20	Indian Dance Festival	25.00	25.00
2	2019-20	Kumari Festival	10.00	10.00
3	2019-20	Tourism Cultural Festival	15.00	15.00
4	2021-22	India Dance Festival at Mamallapuram	25.00	25.00
5	2022-23	India Dance Festival at Mamallapuram	25.00	25.00
