

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1096**  
ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025

**DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY**

1096 SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

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

- (a) whether the Central Government has taken any initiative to support and fund State Governments to develop infrastructure facilities in internationally reputed tourist spots in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the funds allocated to Tamil Nadu in the last five years for the infrastructure development of tourist spots attracting more international and domestic tourists?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): Development of tourism is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government/UT Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' Schemes provides financial assistance to them for undertaking tourism related projects. Such assistance is provided on receipt of the project proposals from the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations and subject to its adherence to the scheme guidelines and instructions issued by the Government from time to time, availability of budget, inter-se priority etc.

Now the Ministry has revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable destinations in the country.

The details of the projects sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and SD 2.0 schemes in the State of Tamil Nadu is Annexed.

The Ministry of Tourism under Challenge Based Destination Development, a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme has identified 42 destinations in the country for development including 'Thanjavur' (Culture & Heritage category) and 'Rameswaram Island' (Spiritual Category) in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Government of India under its 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) - Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' Scheme, sanctioned 40 projects in 23 States for ₹ 3295.76 Crore in Financial Year 2024-25; including the following projects in Tamil Nadu:

S. No.	Name of the Project	Cost (₹ in Crore)
1	Nandavanam Heritage Park at Mamallapuram	99.67
2	Garden of flowers at Devala, Ooty	70.23

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1096 ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY RAISED BY SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN**

**Details of projects sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and SD 2.0 Schemes in the State of Tamil Nadu**

**Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

<b>Circuit/ Year of sanction</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount sanctioned (₹ in Crore)</b>
Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of (Chennai- Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	73.13

**PRASHAD Scheme**

<b>Year of sanction</b>	<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Amount sanctioned (₹ in Crore)</b>
2016-17	Development of Kanchipuram	13.99
2016-17	Development of Velankanni	4.86

**Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) Scheme**

<b>Year of sanction</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount sanctioned (₹ in Crore)</b>
2023-24	‘Immersive Experience at Shore Temple at Mamallapuram’	30.02

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