

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3011
ANSWERED ON 13.08.2026

TOURISM PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

3011 SHRI PRAVEEN CHAKRAVARTHY:

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

- (a) the details of proposals of Government of Tamil Nadu pending with the Ministry under Swadesh Darshan 2.0, PRASHAD and the Challenge-Based Destination Development Scheme, proposal-wise, with the date of submission, present status and reasons for pendency;
- (b) the project-wise funds released and utilisation reported against projects sanctioned under these schemes; and
- (c) whether any destination in the State has been selected for development under these schemes for iconic tourist centres and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): Receiving of proposal is a continuous process. At present, no proposal of Government of Tamil Nadu is under consideration of Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0), 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and the Challenge-Based Destination Development Scheme (CBDD) – a sub-scheme of SD2.0.

(b) to (c): Identification, development and promotion of tourist destinations and tourism products including eco-tourism is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments (SGs)/ Union Territory Administrations (UTAs). However, the Ministry of Tourism through its schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan(SD)', SD2.0, CBDD and PRASHAD complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments /UT Administrations; subject to adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) by the concerned SG/UTA, availability of funds, Government directions, inter-se priority etc.

In addition, Government of India under its initiative for 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' scheme, has also provided financial assistance in the year 2024-25 to the States for development of tourism projects. Under this Scheme, the project "Development of Nandavanam Heritage Park in Mammallapuram" for Rs.99.67 Crore and "Eco Park at Race Course in Ooty" for Rs.70.23 Crore have been sanctioned in the state of Tamil Nadu.

Details of the projects sanctioned under SD2.0, CBDD and PRASHAD schemes in Tamil Nadu along-with fund sanction and authorised is **annexed**.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (B) TO (C) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3011 ANSWERED ON 13.08.2026 REGARDING TOURISM PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU RAISED BY SHRI PRAVEEN CHAKRAVARTHY

(i) Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu:

(in ₹ Crore)

S. No.	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanction Date	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Authorized	Amount Utilized
1	Mamallapuram	Immersive experience at Shore Temple	29.02.2024	30.02	-	--

(ii) Details of Project sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) – a sub-scheme of SD2.0 Scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu:

(in ₹ Crore)

S. No.	Destination /Category	Name of the Experience	Sanction Date	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Authorized	Amount Utilized
1.	Rameswaram Island (Spiritual Tourism)	Iconic transformation of Rameswaram	27.03.2025	20.01	10.01	2.32

(iii) Details of Project sanctioned under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu:

(in ₹ Crore)

S. No.	Sanction Year	Project Name	Sanction Amount	Amount Released	Amount Utilised
1	2016-17	Development of Kanchipuram	13.99	13.99	13.99
2	2016-17	Development of Velankanni	4.86	4.86	4.86
3	2024-25	Development of 8 Navagraha Temples	40.94	11.75	---
