

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3693
ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018**

DEVELOPMENT OF PILGRIM CENTRES IN TAMIL NADU

**3693. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to promote and develop the prominent tourist and pilgrim centres in Tamil Nadu; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to increase the infrastructure facilities so as to facilitate more tourist arrivals in the country, especially in Tamil Nadu?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

(a) and (b): Development of prominent tourist and pilgrim centres is the responsibility of the respective State Governments/Union Territories. However, Ministry of Tourism, under the schemes viz. Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and “Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuit in the Country Swadesh Darshan (SD)” provides Central Financial Assistance for infrastructure development and beautification of tourist places in the country. The details of Central Financial Assistance provided to Tamil Nadu under these schemes are annexed.

Ministry of Tourism also promotes the prominent tourist and Pilgrim centres including Tamil Nadu through the promotional activities in the International and Domestic markets such as advertisement in print, electronic, outdoor and online medias, printing of publicity materials, participation in Fairs & Exhibition, Organising Road Shows/Seminar etc. under its Incredible India brand.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3693 ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF PILGRIM CENTRES IN TAMIL NADU.****DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED FOR DEVELOPMENT IN TAMIL NADU UNDER PRASHAD AND SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEMES****A. PRASHAD (Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	Name of Projects	Year of sanction	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	16.48	3.30
2	Development of Vellankani	2016-17	5.60	1.12

B. SWADESH DARSHAN (Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Circuit	Name of Project	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Chennai-Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari) in Tamil Nadu under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	2016-17	99.92	19.98
