

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 762
ANSWERED ON 12.12.2022**

ANCIENT TEMPLE CIRCUIT IN KERALA UNDER SDS

762. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to introduce an ancient temple circuit in Kerala under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (b): The Ministry of Tourism in the year 2014-15 launched its Swadesh Darshan scheme with the objective to develop thematic circuits in the country including Kerala. A total number of 5 projects were sanctioned in Kerala which included development works at religious places and pilgrimages, the details of which is annexed. The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan scheme 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourist destinations following a tourist & destination centric approach.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.762 ANSWERED ON 12.12.2022 REGARDING ANCIENT TEMPLE CIRCUIT IN KERALA UNDER SDS.

DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED IN KERALA UNDER THE SCHEME OF SWADESH DARSHAN.

Sl. No.	Theme /Year	Name of the Project	Sanction Amount in ₹ crore.
1.	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi- Vagamon- Thekkady	64.08
2.	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam	54.88
3.	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamura	78.08
4.	Rural Circuit 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	80.37
5.	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania- Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam	66.43
