

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5212
ANSWERED ON 03.04.2023**

CENTRAL PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS IN IDUKKI

5212.ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of all central programmes and projects in the tourism sector in the State of Kerala, district-wise;**
- (b) whether the Government has details of ongoing projects under the tourism sector in the State of Kerala;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the present status of the projects;**
- (d) whether the Government has details of all central programmes and projects in the tourism sector in the Idukki Parliamentary Constituency;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the present status of these programmes and projects; and**
- (f) the details of major tourist spots in the State of Kerala along with the annual footfall?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (f): Identification and development of tourist places/spots is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism has provided financial assistance under the 'Swadesh Darshan', 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' Schemes for the development of tourism related infrastructure in the State of Kerala.

Ministry of Tourism has also provided financial assistance to the State of Kerala for organizing fairs/festivals & tourism related

events under Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme.

The details of the projects sanctioned along with their status in the State of Kerala under the above mentioned schemes is given at Annexure.

A project 'Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi- Vagamon-Thekkady has been sanctioned in the year 2015-16 under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme for an amount of Rs.64.08 crore in Kerala which includes interventions for an amount of Rs.52.11 crore in the district of Idukki. The project is physically completed.

Proposals are received from State Governments/Union Territory Administrations from time to time for seeking financial assistance under the above schemes of the Ministry of Tourism. These proposals are examined in context of the scheme guidelines and financial assistance is extended for projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated provisions and availability of funds.

Ministry of Tourism does not maintain destination wise data on tourist visits. However, Domestic & Foreign Tourist Visits in Kerala during last 3 years is as follows:

Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits during 2020-2022							
S. No.	State	2020		2021		2022 *	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
1.	Kerala	4988972	340755	7537617	60487	18867414	345549

*** Provisional**

Source: State Tourism Department

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5212 ANSWERED ON 03.04.2023 REGARDING CENTRAL PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS IN IDUKKI.****Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released	Physical Status (%)
1.	Kerala	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi-Vagamon-Thekkady (Districts - Idukki & Pathanamthitta)	64.08	64.08	Complete
2.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sabarimala -Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam (Districts - Pathanamthitta)	54.88	27.44	76.23%
3.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula (District - Thiruvananthapuram)	78.08	73.77	Complete
4.	Kerala	Rural Circuit 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project (District - Kannur)	57.35	23.77	54.46%
5.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram-Arruvipuram-Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania-Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam (District - Thiruvananthapuram)	66.43	15.57	51.74%

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

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Status
1.	Kerala	Development at Guruvayur Temple (District: Thrissur)	2016-17	45.19	45.19	Complete

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

Sl. No.	State	Name of Project	Central Agency	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released	Status
Year 2013-14						
1.	Kerala	Joint Development of Tourist amenities at Trivandrum Railway Station in Association with Ministry of Railway (District: Thiruvananthapuram)	M/o Railways	5.98	4.00	Ongoing
Year 2016-17						
2.	Kerala	Development of a Walkway/Promenade on Willingdon Island, Cochin, Kerala (District:Ernakulam)	Cochin Port Trust	9.01	8.27	Complete
3.	Kerala	Central Financial Assistance for upgrading of Berths & Backup area of Ernakulam Wharf (District: Ernakulam)	Cochin Port Trust	21.41	19.13	Complete
4.	Kerala	Project for Up-gradation of Golf Course at SAI Trivandrum Golf Club by the Sports Authority of India (District: Thiruvananthapuram)	Sport Authority of India	24.65	12.32	Ongoing
Year 2018-19						
5.	Kerala	Developing infrastructure at	Cochin Port	1.21	1.14	Complete

		Cochin Port Cruise Terminal (District:Ernakulam)	Trust			
6.	Kerala	Creation of additional tourism facilities at the Cochin Port Trust Walkway (District:Ernakulam)	Cochin Port Trust	4.66	4.66	Complete
Year 2019-20						
7.	Kerala	CFA for Development of Additional infrastructure in the new Cochin Port Trust Terminal (District:Ernakulam)	Cochin Port Trust	10.30	8.23	Ongoing

Financial assistance provided for organizing fairs/festivals & tourism related events under Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme

(Rs. in Lakh)

Name of the State	Year	Name of Fairs & Festivals	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
Kerala	2015-16	All India Craft Festival Sargolsav	12.50	12.50
	2016-17	64th Nehru Trophy Boat Race	25.00	25.00
		President's Trophy Boat Race, Kollam	25.00	25.00
	2017-18	Home stay and Rural Tourism Travel Meet, Ernakulam; Sargalaya International Art & Crafts Festival, President Trophy Boat Race	35.00	35.00
	2018-19	66th Nehru Trophy Boat Race	25.00	25.00
		Sargalaya International Arts and Crafts Festival	25.00	25.00
	2019-20	Home Stay and Rural Tourism Travel Meet by Kerala Home Stay and Tourism Society	10.00	10.00
		67th Nehru Trophy Boat Race	25.00	25.00
		9th Sargalaya International Arts and Crafts Festival	15.00	15.00
