

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 593
ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023**

**SITES IDENTIFIED FOR ECO-TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
IN TAMIL NADU**

593. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of sites identified for eco-tourism development in Tamil Nadu;**
- (b) the details of financial assistance given by the Government for the development of these sites;**
- (c) the details of approved projects and the funds sanctioned for Eco-Tourism in Tamil Nadu;**
- (d) whether the Government is providing any incentives to the private sector to promote ecotourism in Tamil Nadu; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of 'Swadesh Darshan' provides central financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations etc. for development of tourism infrastructure in the country and the projects under the scheme are sanctioned in consultation with the State Governments/UTs subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier etc.

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned ₹73.13 crore for the project Development of (Chennai- Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari) in the year 2016-17 under Coastal Circuit

theme of its Swadesh Darshan scheme. ₹69.48 crore has been released and the project is complete.

The Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' has sanctioned two projects in the State of Tamil Nadu as per detail below:

(Amt. in ₹crore)

Name of the Project	Year of Sanction /sanction amount.	release amount/Status
Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17/13.99	13.99
Development of Vellankani	2016-17/4.86	4.86

Presently, there is no scheme in the Ministry of Tourism to provide incentive to the private sector to promote ecotourism in Tamil Nadu. However, the Ministry of Tourism as part of its Domestic Promotion and Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) scheme promotes various tourism destinations and products including those related to Eco-Tourism in the country.
