

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1674
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023**

INCLUSION OF TOURIST DESTINATIONS IN KERALA UNDER SDS

1674. DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has included any tourist destinations in the State of Kerala under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;**
- (b) if so, the progress made in these projects till date; and**
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to include any tourist destinations from Malappuram Constituency in the above scheme?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): Development of tourist destinations is primarily the responsibility of respective State/Union Territory Administration (UTA). However, the Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of 'Swadesh Darshan' provides financial assistance to State/UTA for development of tourist infrastructure in the country in consultation with the respective State/UT. The projects are sanctioned subject to adherence to guidelines, detailed project report, availability of funds etc.

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 05 projects in Kerala under its scheme of 'Swadesh Darshan'. The detail of these projects including their progress are annexed.

The Ministry of Tourism has revamped this scheme as 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)' with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations and has identified Kumarakom and Kozhikode (Beypore) destinations in Kerala for development under SD2.0.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1674 ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023 REGARDING INCLUSION OF TOURIST DESTINATIONS IN KERALA UNDER SDS****DETAIL OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED IN KERALA UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.****(Amount in ₹ crore)**

S. No.	Circuit/ Year of Sanction	Name of the project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released *	Amount Utilized	Physical Progress
1.	Eco Circuit/ 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi- Vagamon-Thekkady	64.08	64.08	64.08	Complete
2.	Spiritual Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam	54.88	27.44	21.05	Ongoing
3.	Spiritual Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula	78.08	73.77	70.00	Complete
4.	Rural Circuit/ 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35	30.98	20.74	Ongoing
5.	Spiritual Circuit/ 2018-19	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram-Arruvipuram-Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania-Chembazhanti Sree Narayana Gurukulam	66.42	27.77	16.19	Ongoing

***includes amount released to central nodal agency.**
