GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.281 ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO TAMIL NADU UNDER SDS 2.0

281. SHRI A. RAJA:

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allotted under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme for the State of Tamil Nadu, particularly to Coimbatore, Erode and Nilgiris;
- (b) the details of projects undertaken in the State for fostering sustainable and responsible centric approaches to improve tourism infrastructure;
- (c) whether more funds will be allotted under various schemes for the State in view of lot of potential for the tourism development; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism under its schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and Assistance to Central Agency for Tourism Infrastructure Development provides funds to State/UT Administration/Central etc. tourism Agencies for infrastructure development in the country including in Tamil Nadu. Allocation of funds under the schemes is a continuous process however, the detail of projects sanctioned in Tamil Nadu under these schemes is annexed.

The Ministry of Tourism has revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, following a destination & tourism-centric approach and in consultation with the respective State/UT Administration has notified 57 destinations in the country. Accordingly, the Ministry of Tourism has notified 'Mamallapuram' and 'The Nilgiris' as destinations for development under SD2.0.

Further, under its PRASHAD scheme, the Ministry has identified 'Navagriha Temple at 8 places in Tamil Nadu' for development.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.281 ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024 REGARDING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO TAMIL NADU UNDER SDS 2.0 BY SHRI A. RAJA AND SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI

Detail of projects sanctioned under the schemes of Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agency for Tourism Infrastructure Development

(Amount Rs. in Crore)

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S.	Year	Project Name	Amount	Amount	Physical
No.			Sanctioned	Released/	Status
				Authorized	
				for	
				utilization	
Swadesh Darshan					
1.	2016-17	Development of	73.13	71.03	complete
		(Chennai-			
		Mamamallapuram –			
		Rameshwaram –			
		Manpadu –			
		Kanyakumari)			
PRASHAD					
2.	2016-17	Development of	13.99	13.99	Complete
		Kanchipuram			
3.	2016-17	Development of	4.86	4.86	complete
		Velankanni			
Assistance to Central Agency for Tourism Infrastructure Development					
4.	2012-13	Cruise Passenger	17.25	17.25	complete
		Facilities Centre in the			_
		existing Passenger			
		Terminal at Chennai			
		Port			
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