

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.310
ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024**

SIVAGIRI TOURISM CIRCUIT PROJECT

310. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of works completed under Sivagiri Tourism Circuit project in Kerala under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the implementation of Sivagiri Tourism Circuit project in Kerala is getting delayed even after the targeted period of completion is already over;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay;**
- (d) the present status of implementation of the project along with the details of funds sanctioned, released, utilized as on date;**
- (e) the time by which the next installment of funds are likely to be released; and**
- (f) the details of measures taken by the Government for completion of the project without further delay?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (f): The Ministry of Tourism in the year 2018-19 sanctioned the project "Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram-Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania- Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam" under Swadesh Darshan scheme. This project was to be completed within the period of 24 months. The project was further revised in July, 2022 to ₹66.42 crore. A total of ₹42.01 crore has been released/authorized in three instalments and as on date utilization of ₹16.19 crore has been reported by the implementing agency under this project.

As per guidelines, the next authorization is subject to 100% utilization of the first and second instalments and minimum 75% of the third instalment and submission of Utilization Certificate in the prescribed format.

The implementing agency for the project is India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) which has informed that permissions from local authorities is awaited.

ITDC has informed that the following works under the project are complete at 04 different sites:

Kunnumpara:

Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre, Entrance Gate, View Point Deck, Public Convenience (2 Nos), Over Head water Tank, Parking Area, Craft Bazar, Rain Shelter & Other Development Works.

Chempazhanthy:

Construction of Parking & other Development works, Tourist Facilitation Centre. SITC of LED Solar Street Light Illumination.

Aruvippuram:

Construction of Community Kitchen, View Deck Point, Resting Building, Entrance Gate, Supply and Testing of 8 Seater (1 No) and 4 Seater (2 Nos) Battery Operated Electric Vehicle, CCTV Camera and SITC of LED Solar Street Light Illumination.

Sivagiri:

Construction of Parking, Rain Shelter, Bus Shelter & Other Development Works, Supply and Testing of 8 Seater (2 Nos) and 4 Seater (3 Nos) Battery Operated Electric Vehicle, CCTV Camera and SITC of LED Solar Street Light Illumination.
