

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4830  
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2020**

**DECLARATION OF PLACES OF TAMIL NADU AS INTERNATIONAL  
TOURIST SPOT**

**4830. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:**

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Government has any plan to announce Velankanni and Nagore, Tamil Nadu as International Tourist Spot;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

**(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism does not declare any tourist place as International Tourist Spot. However, Ministry of Tourism, under the schemes viz., Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and "Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuit in the Country, Swadesh Darshan (SD)" provides Central Financial Assistance for infrastructure development and beautification of pilgrim places on receipt of suitable DPRs from the respective State Governments/Union Territories, subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilisation certificate against the fund released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines.**

**Based on the proposal received from State Government of Tamil Nadu Ministry of Tourism has approved the project "Development of Vellankani" in 2016-17 under PRASHAD Scheme at the cost of Rs.5.60 Crore. An amount of Rs.4.48 Crore has been released so far. Ministry of Tourism has not received any proposal for development of Nagore from State Government.**

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