

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3337
ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

IMPLEMENTATION OF SREE NARAYANAGURU SPIRITUAL CIRCUIT

3337. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to implement the Sree Narayanaguru Spiritual (Sivagiri Pilgrim) Circuit in Kerala;**
- (b) if so, the details of funds earmarked for the same and expenditure incurred till date along with the agency entrusted with its implementation;**
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal for handing over the implementation of the said circuit to its department of tourism from the Government of Kerala and if so, the status thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government intends to revoke its decision to cancel the spiritual circuit linking 133 places of worship in the State of Kerala under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism sanctioned the project "Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram-Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmanya- Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam" in the year 2018-19 under the Spiritual Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan scheme for a total amount of Rs. 69.47 Crore and Rs.1.61 Crore has been released to India Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (ITDC), the implementing agency of the project, as part of first installment.

There is no proposal under consideration to hand over its implementation to Department of Tourism, Government of Kerala.

There is no proposal under consideration to revoke the decision to cancel the spiritual circuit linking 133 places of worship in the State of Kerala under Swadesh Darshan scheme. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 5 projects for Rs.418.60 crore under Swadesh Darshan scheme in the State of Kerala.
