

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3475
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022**

**TOURISM DEVELOPMENT OF IDUKKI AND MALANKARA DAMS IN
KERALA**

3475. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop and beautify the adjoining areas of Idukki and Malankara Dams in Kerala for promotion of tourism under any tourism project;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Union Government has received a letter from the Government of Kerala regarding the completion of the said project;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government has taken a decision on the timely completion of this Project; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof including the expected timeline of completion of the said project?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (f): The Ministry of Tourism under its 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme has sanctioned a project 'Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady' in the year 2015-16 for ₹76.55 crore which includes development of tourism related component in Idukki. The State Government of Kerala vide its letter No. A3/62/2022/TSM dated 04.05.2022 has informed that the project is physically complete.

The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) in order to develop sustainable and responsible destinations with tourist & destination centric approach. SD2.0 is in its initial stages and as of now Idukki and Malankara Dams in Kerala has not been identified for development under SD2.0 scheme guidelines.
