

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2627
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025**

SIVAGIRI TOURISM CIRCUIT PROJECT

2627. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to implement new Tourism Circuit Projects in the State of Kerala under Swadesh Darshan Scheme, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether there is any new proposal from Kerala Government before the Government for approval under Swadesh Darshan Scheme, if so, the details thereof and the present status;**
- (c) the present status of implementation of the ongoing Sivagiri Tourism Circuit Project in the State along with the details of funds released, utilized and works completed; and**
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the delay in the implementation of the said project and if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government to complete the project without further delay?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): The Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations under its Swadesh Darshan scheme for augmentation of tourism facilities/infrastructure in the country and has sanctioned 05 projects under Eco, Rural and Spiritual circuit themes in the State of Kerala for an amount of Rs.312.47 Crore under the scheme the details of which is annexed.

Receiving proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations for financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed

guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfillment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds.

(c) to (d): 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, with the present sanctioned cost of Rs.66.42 Crore. India Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (ITDC) is the implementing agency of the project. The Ministry of Tourism has authorized release of Rs.42.01 Crore whereas the implementing agency till 12th March, 2025 has utilized Rs.32.91 Crore. The next set of authorization for release is made by the Ministry on receipt of the Utilization Certificate of the already authorized amount and as per the payment instalments and conditions stipulated in the scheme guidelines. The Ministry of Tourism reviews the progress of the project from time to time and has noted the delay in the completion of project. The Ministry has further directed the implementing agency to expedite the works in co-ordination with local authorities. The implementing agency has reported physical completion of the following works in the project:

Sivagiri:

Parking, Bus Shelter, Water Tank, and Rain Shelter, procurement of Battery Operated Electric Vehicles, CCTV Camera and LED Solar Street Lights Illumination.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2627 ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025 REGARDING SIVAGIRI TOURISM CIRCUIT PROJECT RAISED BY SHRI ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH****List of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Kerala.****(Amount in ₹ Crore)**

S. No.	State	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released/ Authorised *	Amount Utilised	Physical Status (%)
1.	Kerala	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon-Thekkady	64.08	64.08	64.08	Complete
2.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam	46.54	33.39	36.27	Complete
3.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula	78.08	73.77	68.98	Complete
4.	Kerala	Rural Circuit 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35	45.88	36.34	Complete
5.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana	66.42	42.01	32.91	Ongoing

			Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania- Chembazhant hi Sree Narayana Gurukulam				
Total				312.47	259.13	238.58	

*** Includes amount of authorization to CNA through TSA Model I for Central Sector Scheme.**
