

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4837
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2026**

HRIDAY SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU

4837. SHRI MALAIYARASAN D:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) scheme;**
- (b) the details of number of cities in Tamil Nadu included under the HRIDAY scheme, along with the total allocation of funds thereon;**
- (c) the details of specific heritage sites and cities in Tamil Nadu have benefited from the HRIDAY scheme, development works carried out under this initiative;**
- (d) the details of steps taken by the Government to ensure the sustainable development of heritage cities and preservation of historical sites under the HRIDAY scheme in Tamil Nadu; and**
- (e) the manner in which the Government plans to monitor and assess the impact of the HRIDAY scheme in promoting tourism and improving infrastructure in heritage cities in Tamil Nadu?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism is not operating the Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) scheme. National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) was launched on 21 January, 2015. The mission has ended on 31 March, 2019 and its Heritage component has been merged in the scheme "National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)" under Ministry of Tourism.

The Ministry of Tourism under the “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive” (PRASHAD) Scheme provides financial assistance to the State Governments (SGs) and UT Administrations (UTs) for development of tourism related infrastructure at identified religious and heritage sites across the country, including the State of Tamil Nadu. Under the PRASHAD Scheme the Ministry seeks to develop tourism infrastructure in a holistic and sustainable manner with the objective of generating employment, boosting tourism, conserving local culture, and strengthening the local economy across the country. The details of the projects sanctioned under the PRASHAD Scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu are annexed.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4837 ANSWERED ON 23.03.2026 REGARDING HRIDAY SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU RAISED BY SHRI MALAIYARASAN D

List of Projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Tamil Nadu

Sr. No.	Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. In Crore)
1.	2016-17	Development of Kanchipuram	13.99
2.	2016-17	Development of Velankanni	4.86
3.	2024-25	Development of 8 Navagraha Temples	40.94
