

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.24
ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026**

FUNDS FOR ONAM FESTIVAL

24. SHRI V K SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government had sanctioned a total of Rs.24 lakh as assistance for eight Pulikali teams for organizing the Onam 2025 festival against the demand of Rs.40 lakh by the State Government of Kerala;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is also true that the sanctioned fund has not yet been released; and**
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Yes, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned financial assistance of Rs24.00 lakh to the Department of Tourism, Government of Kerala for Pulikali Sangam 2025.

The release of the sanctioned fund is pending due to lack of submission of requisite documentations from the State Government, in adherence to the terms and conditions for extension of financial assistance for promotion of fairs and festivals.
