

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4
ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026**

TOURISM PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

4. SHRI RAJA A:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of tourism projects sanctioned under various Central sector schemes for Tamil Nadu, particularly in Coimbatore and Nilgiri districts during the last five years;**
- (b) the current status of each sanctioned project;**
- (c) whether any new projects are under consideration during the current financial year;**
- (d) the details of the funds allocated to Tamil Nadu under various tourism development schemes during the last five years; and**
- (e) the details of funds released and utilized, year and scheme-wise?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): Development and promotion of tourism destinations and products is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments (SGs)/Union Territory Administrations (UTAs). However, the Ministry of Tourism through its schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)', 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)' – a sub-scheme of SD2.0, 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agency for Tourism Infrastructure Development (ACATID)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations/Central Agency.

In addition, Government of India under its initiative for 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic

Tourist Centres to Global Scale' scheme, has also provided financial assistance to the States in the year 2024-25 for development of tourism projects.

The details of projects sanctioned by the Ministry under SD, SD2.0, CBDD, PRASHAD, SASCI and ACATID schemes in the state of Tamil Nadu including status of the projects are annexed.

Receiving of proposal from the SG/UTAs is a continuous process and projects are sanctioned subject to adherence to scheme guidelines, availability of funds, Government directions, inter-se priority etc.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4 ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026 REGARDING TOURISM PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU RAISED BY SHRI RAJA A**

The details of the projects sanctioned under SD, SD2.0, CBDD, PRASHAD, SASCI and ACATID in the state of Tamil Nadu:

(i) Swadesh Darshan Scheme:**(in ₹Crore)**

S.N.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Authorized	Amount Utilised	Physical Status
1.	Coastal 2016-17	Development of (Chennai-Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu– Kanyakumari)	73.13	71.03	71.03	Complete

(ii) Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme:**(in ₹Crore)**

S. N.	Year of Sanction	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Authorized for utilization	Physical Status
1.	2023-24	Mamallapuram	Immersive experience at Shore Temple	30.02	-	Implementation Stage

(iii) Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme:

(in ₹Crore)

S.N.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Category	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Authorized for utilization	Physical Status
1.	2024-25	Iconic transformation of Rameswaram	Rameswaram Island (Spiritual Tourism)	20.01	10.01	Implementation Stage

(iv) Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme:

(in ₹Crore)

S. N.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Sanction Amount	Amount Authorized	Amount Utilised	Physical Status
1.	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99	13.99	13.99	Complete
2.	Development of Velankanni	2016-17	4.86	4.86	4.86	Complete
3.	Development of 8 Navagraha Temples	2024-25	40.94	11.75	0.00	Implementation Stage

(v) Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme:

(in ₹Crore)

S.N.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Released for utilization	Physical Status
1.	2024-25	Development of Nandavanam Heritage Park in	99.67	65.78	Implementation Stage

		Mammallapuram			
2.	2024-25	Eco Park at Race Course in Ooty	70.23	46.35	Implementation Stage

(vi) Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development (ACATID) Scheme:

(in ₹Crore)

S.N.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Sanction Amount	Amount Released	Amount Utilized	Physical status
1.	Illumination and allied works at Gangaikonda Cholapuram Temple, District - Ariyalur	2024-25	11.47	1.14	--	Implementation Stage
2.	Cruise Passenger Facilities Centre in the existing Passenger Terminal at Chennai Port.	2012-13	17.24	17.24	17.24	Complete
3.	Rameshwaram Railway Station	2017-18	4.7	3.75	2.26	Complete
4.	Madurai Railway Station	2018-19	4.48	3.56	2.23	Complete
