

with central financial assistance of ₹ 76.49 crore. No further project for development of Rural Circuit and Spiritual Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme has been sanctioned to Odisha.

### **Development of Tourism in Tamil Nadu**

3489. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has identified places in the State of Tamil Nadu including those in the Tuticorin district to promote tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has earmarked adequate funds to augment the infrastructure in the existing tourism centres; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) to (d) Ministry of Tourism under its schemes of Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies provides financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations/Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure and facilities in the country including Tamil Nadu. The projects under the above schemes are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable Detailed Project Reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

Based on the above criteria, Ministry has sanctioned following projects in Tamil Nadu during last three years:

Sl. No.	Circuit/Sanction Year	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3	4

#### **Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

1	Coastal 2016-17	Development of Chennai- Mamallapuram- Rameshwaram-Kulasekaranpattinam-Kanyakumari	74.58
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**Prashad Scheme**

2	2016-17	Development of Kanchipuram	16.48
3	2016-17	Development of Vellankani	5.60

**Assistance to Central Agencies**

4	2017-18	Joint Development of Rameshwaram Railway Station	47
5	2018-19	Joint Development of Madurai Railway Station	4.47

**Development of Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh**

3490. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) when the National Level Consultant engaged by the Ministry identified Chittoor-Nellore-Anantpur-Kadapa Circuit in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) what would be the expenditure involved to develop the above circuit;
- (c) what plan of action the Ministry has prepared to develop the above circuit; and
- (d) by when it is going to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) to (d) The decision of sites to be developed as tourist attractions/ destinations/ circuits in the States/Union Territories (UTs) is taken by the concerned State Governments/ UT Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme - Integrated Development of Theme- Based Tourism Circuits provides central financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure in identified tourism circuits in the country. The project proposals and the Detailed Project Reports of the projects are prepared by the State Governments/UT Administrations.

Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, the Ministry has sanctioned the following projects to the State of Andhra Pradesh-