

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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ACTION PLAN TO DEVELOP TOURISM IN TAMIL NADU

150. Shri Vaiko:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any action plan for developing tourist places in Tamil Nadu by connecting them under tourism circuit;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government would develop infrastructure to attract more tourists in the State, particularly in south Tamil Nadu which has a lot of potential for tourism development?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c): The Ministry under its scheme of Swadesh Darshan and National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) provides financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure and facilities in the country including Tamil Nadu. The projects under the 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 etc. Sanctioning of projects under the scheme is a continuous process however sanctioning of new projects under Swadesh Darshan scheme is currently under review.

The Ministry has sanctioned following projects in Tamil Nadu including south Tamil Nadu under Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD schemes.

S. No.	Scheme	Circuit/ Year of Sanction	Name of the project	Amount Sanctioned (Rupees in crore)
1	Swadesh Darshan	Coastal Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Coastal Circuit in Tamil Nadu.	72.26
2	PRASHAD	2016-17	Development of Kanchipuram	13.99
3	PRASHAD	2016-17	Development of Vellankani	4.86
