

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1417
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2021

STATUS OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME PROJECTS IN KERALA

1417. DR. V. SIVADASAN:

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

- (a) the progress achieved regarding the request sent by the State Government of Kerala for the inclusion of the Kannur Pilgrim Tourism Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;
- (b) the progress achieved in process for the development of the suburbs of Malankara and Idukki Dams in Kerala under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;
- (c) whether Government has canceled the development of Spiritual Circuit in the State of Kerala involving 133 pilgrim sites, under Swadesh Darshan Scheme; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): The Ministry of Tourism has not sanctioned the project 'Kannur Pilgrim Tourism Circuit' under its Swadesh Darshan scheme in the State of Kerala.

(b): The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the project for 'Development of Pathanamthitta – Gavi – Vagaman – Thekkady' under Eco Tourism Circuit of Swadesh Darshan scheme for an amount of Rs.76.55 Crore which includes development of tourism related components in Idukki. The project is physically complete. No project under the scheme is sanctioned in Malankara.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The project was dropped for administrative reasons.
