

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3342**  
ANSWERED ON 31.03.2022

**ICONIC TOURIST SITES IN TAMIL NADU**

3342. DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:  
SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to include iconic sites from the State of Tamil Nadu in the list of iconic tourism destinations in the country;
- (b) whether there is any other new proposed scheme which accounts for the rich tourism landscape of Tamil Nadu at the national level; and
- (c) if so, the support given to the selected sites?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism has formulated 'Development of Iconic Tourist Destinations' scheme for development of Iconic Destinations including Mahabalipuram in Tamil Nadu, which is under consideration of the Government.

The Ministry of Tourism under its existing schemes of Swadesh Darshan and 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' provides financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations. The details of the funds sanctioned under the above mentioned schemes in the State of Tamil Nadu for the development of tourism infrastructure is annexed.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3342 ANSWERED ON 31.03.2022 REGARDING ICONIC TOURIST SITES IN TAMIL NADU.**

**THE DETAIL OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED IN TAMIL NADU UNDER THE SCHEMES OF SWADESH DARSHAN AND PRASHAD.**

<b>(₹ in Crore)</b>			
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Theme / Year of Sanction</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanction Amount</b>
<b>Swadesh Darshan</b>			
1.	Coastal Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of (Chennai- Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	73.13
<b>PRASHAD</b>			
1.	2016-17	Development of Kanchipuram	13.99
2.	2016-17	Development of Vellankani	4.86

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