

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 298
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2022

DEVELOPMENT OF RAMESHWARAM

298. SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government will contemplate the development of Rameshwaram in the State of Tamil Nadu for which proposal has been sent by Department of Tourism, Tamil Nadu, as it is considered to be a holy and famous pilgrimage place for one of the 12 Jyotirlinga Temples;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) time by which the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken;
- (d) likely date for release of funds for development of Rameshwaram; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): Sir, as per the request received from the State Government of Tamil Nadu the destination of Rameshwaram has been included in the Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD Schemes of the Ministry of Tourism. A project viz. Development of (Chennai-Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari) has been sanctioned at the cost of Rs. 73.13 crore under Coastal Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan in the year 2016-17. Under this project, works amounting to Rs. 15.86 crore for Rameshwaram have been approved. The project has been completed.
