

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2054
ANSWERED ON 12.12.2024

TOURISM PROJECTS IN KERALA

2054 SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

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

- (a) whether Government has received any request from Government of Kerala regarding its tourism development projects in the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and response of the Central Government to such request in the last five years;
- (c) the details of the ongoing tourism development projects in Kerala in the last five years with the assistance of the Central Government, project -wise and year wise;
- (d) funds allocated by Government in the last five years for the tourism development projects in Kerala; and
- (e) whether Government has sanctioned any new tourism projects in Kerala during the last one year?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): Development and promotion of tourism in the country is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments (SGs)/Union Territory Administrations (UTs). The Ministry of Tourism complements the efforts of SGs/ UTs by providing financial assistance to them under its ‘Swadesh Darshan (SD)’ and ‘Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ for development of tourism amenities on receipt of project proposals from SGs/UTs in line with the relevant scheme guidelines, availability of funds under relevant schemes etc. Under the Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD schemes, the Ministry sanctioned 5 projects and 1 project respectively in the State of Kerala. The Ministry has now revamped the Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0), with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations in the country and has sanctioned 1 Project in the State of Kerala.

In addition, Ministry of Tourism under its another central sector scheme of “Assistance to Central Agencies” has sanctioned 6 Projects in the State of Kerala.

Further, Government of India received project proposals from the State Governments under the ‘Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2024-25 (SASCI)’ and sanctioned 40 projects in the country including 2 projects in the State of Kerala.

The details of the projects sanctioned in Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD, SD2.0, Assistance to Central Agencies and SASCI in the State of Kerala is annexed.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2054 ANSWERED ON 12.12.2024 REGARDING TOURISM PROJECTS IN KERALA RAISED BY SHRI ABDUL WAHAB

The details of Tourism Projects in the State of Kerala:-**The list of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme in the State of Kerala:-**

S. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (₹ in Crore)
1.	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi- Vagamon-Thekkady	64.08
2.	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam	46.54
3.	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula	78.08
4.	Rural Circuit 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35
5.	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram-Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania-Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam	66.42

List of sanctioned projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme in the State of Kerala:-

S. No.	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost (₹ in Crore)	Sanction Year
1.	Kumarakom	Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary Experience	13.92	2023-24

List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in the State of Kerala:-

S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost (₹ in Crore)
1.	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	45.19

List of Projects Sanctioned under the Scheme Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development in the State of Kerala

S. No.	Sanction Year	Name of Project	Agency	Amount sanctioned (₹ in Crore)
1.	2015-16	Development of a Walkway/Promenade on Willingdon Island, Cochin, Kerala	Cochin Port Trust	9.01
2.	2016-17	Central Financial Assistance for upgrading of Births & Backup area of Ernakulam Wharf	Cochin Port Trust	21.41
3.	2016-17	Project for Up-gradation of Golf Course at SAI Trivandrum Golf Club by the Sports Authority of India	SAI	24.65
4.	2018-19	Developing infrastructure at Cochin Port Cruise Terminal.	Cochin Port Trust	1.21
5.	2018-19	Creation of additional tourism facilities at the Cochin Port Trust Walkway	Cochin Port Trust	4.65
6.	2019-20	Development of Additional infrastructure in the new Cochin Port Trust Terminal	Cochin Port Trust	10.29

List of sanctioned projects under SASCI Scheme in the State of Kerala:-

S. No.	Project Name	Cost (in ₹ Crore)	Sanction Year
1.	Ashtamudi Biodiversity and Eco-recreational Hub, Kollam	59.71	2024-25
2.	Sargaalaya: Global Gateway to Malabar's Cultural Crucible	95.34	2024-25
