

Title : Regarding inclusion of pilgrim centres of Kerala in the PRASAD Scheme-Laid.

**SHRI BENNY BEHANAN (CHALAKUDY):** The two world famous pilgrim centres of Kerala are the Cheraman Juma Mosque, Kodungallur and St Thomas International Shrine, Malayattoor. Both these pilgrim centres have been included under the Pilgrim Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) Scheme of Government of India.

The projects were:

1. Development of Cheraman Juma Mosque, Kodungallur, Thrissur, Kerala.
2. Development of St. Thomas International Shrine, Malayattor, Ernakulam, Kerala.

In last week of March 2022, Secretary, Department of Tourism has announced that the above 2 pilgrim centres are included in the PRASAD Scheme and official announcement will come by last week of April 2022 itself. As per the instruction of the officials of Central Tourism department, Government of Kerala have already completed the DPR of both the projects for the development of Cheraman Juma Masjid, Kodungallur and development of St. Thomas International Shrine, Malayattoor, and submitted the final Project Report to Government of India for inclusion in PRASAD Scheme. Now, the final DPR of the two projects for including the projects in the PRASAD Scheme is pending for financial sanction of the Ministry of Finance. Therefore, I request the Central Government to issue financial sanction to the above said projects under the PRASAD scheme without any further delay.