

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF PITCHAVARAM AS TOURIST CENTRE IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to develop Pitchavaram and other important centres in Tamil Nadu from Tourism point of view; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith financial assistance proposed to be provided to the State Government for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) and (b): Department of Tourism, Government of India had sanctioned a project for promotion of eco-tourism at Pitchavaram at a cost of Rs.50.00 lakhs during the year 1999-2000.

During the 10th Five Year Plan, Department of Tourism, Government of India has decided to identify integrated travel circuits in the country each year. These circuits will be finalised and developed in close coordination and partnership with the State/UT Governments and the concerned Govt. of India Departments. In addition to this it is also proposed to identify one major destination in each State/UT Administration every year in consultation with them for overall development, including in the State of Tamil Nadu.

During the year 2002-2003, the following projects for development of tourism in Tamil Nadu have been sanctioned with the following central financial assistance:

(Rupees in lakhs)

(a) Development of Mahabalipuram as a destination 500.00

(b) Development of Ginjee Fort 37.50

(c) Dance Festival at Mamallapuram 5.00