

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST CIRCUITS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to identify a travel circuit for connecting Madurai in Tamil Nadu due to its historical importance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) and (b): Department of Tourism, Government of India has decided that during the 10th Five Year Plan it will identify six travel circuits in the country on an annual basis and develop them. These circuits will be finalised and developed in close coordination and partnership with the State/UT Governments and the concerned Government of India Departments. In addition to this it is proposed to identify one major destination in each State/Union Territory for overall development each year including the State of Tamil Nadu. In the current year a circuit connecting Madurai has not been identified for development.

In pursuance of the proposals received from the State Tourism Department of Tamil Nadu, a project to develop Mamallapuram as a Tourist Destination in Tamil Nadu has been taken up.