

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SRIRANGANATHA SWAMY TEMPLE
Swamygowda Shri N Cheluvarya Swamy

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Sriranganatha Swamy Temple in Srirangapatna in Mandya District, Karnataka is a very famous tourist spot which attracts many tourists not only from India but also from abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the infrastructural facilities in this Temple are not upto the mark and needs improvement;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is considering to provide all infrastructural facilities in this temple to bring this into a world class tourist spot;
- (e) if so, the funds allocated and released so far; and
- (f) the time by which the work on this project is likely to start and be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a)& (b) Yes, Sir. Though this temple is very popular and visited by thousands of tourists but as no entry fee is levied, the exact number of tourist inflow to it is not available.
- (c)& (d) No, Sir. Basic infrastructure facilities viz. toilet blocks, drinking water and parking facilities have been provided by Government of Karnataka and signages by the Archaeological Survey of India(ASI). The major conservation works like resetting of the plumb, construction of prakara wall, landscaping around the monument, providing of stone pavement drainage on the exterior of the prakara have been taken up by the ASI.
- (e) During the current financial year, a budgetary allocation of Rs.8 lakhs has been made against which an expenditure of Rs.6.29 lakhs has been incurred, so far.
- (f) The ongoing works are slated to be completed during the current financial year itself.