

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding implementation of a Tribal Circuit in Idukki under Swadesh Darshan Scheme- Laid - Laid

ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE (IDUKKI): The main idea behind the Swadesh Darshan scheme was to develop thematic tourist circuits in the country. These are divided into themes like Spiritual, Heritage, tribal circuits etc. However, most of the projects are being developed in the spiritual and tourist themes only. My constituency Idukki has 8522 tribal families who make up a population of 26,647. They live in 146 settlements spread across the Devikulam, Udumbanchola and Idukki Taluks. I urge the government to implement a Tribal Circuit in Idukki under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme to showcase their rich cultural heritage and specific way of life.

Also, as regards the status of the project - “Development of the Peripheral Areas of Malankara & Idukki Dam Surroundings” under Swadesh Darshan Scheme, a detailed project report was submitted to the Tourism Ministry on 14th June, 2021, but the report has not yet been sanctioned. I urge the government to take immediate action in this regard.