

better protect tourists. In addition to these guidelines “Tips to Travellers” are also offered to make the visit of tourists to Incredible India, a memorable experience.

Converting islands and light houses into tourist attractions

1260. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to convert certain islands and light houses into tourist attractions across the country and tap their vast untapped potential;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that all the recreation facilities such as water sports, resorts, light and sound shows are available at such tourist attractions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As advised by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Tourism has constituted a Sub-Group of Task Force comprising representatives from Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change; Ministry of Shipping; Archaeological Survey of India; Coastal India Development Council; Indian Coast Guard and Maritime Board of Government of Gujarat to provide inputs for identifying islands for holistic development, indicate islands with historic places, and with tourism potential for holistic development. An Interim Report on holistic development of islands has been submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Ministry of Shipping has informed that 78 lighthouses have been identified for tourism development of which 44 are mainland lighthouses and 34 are island lighthouses.

The State-wise details of Lighthouses which are being developed as tourist attractions are given in Statement (*See below*).

(c) Development and promotion of tourism including recreation facilities such as water sports, resorts, light and sound shows at tourist attractions is the responsibility of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to the projects that are complete as per existing scheme guidelines and are sanctioned subject to availability of scheme/ funds and utilization of funds released earlier.

Statement*List of Light houses*

Sl.No.	Land Lighthouses	Island Lighthouses
Gujarat		
1.	Dwarka	1. Pirotan N. Point
2.	Veraval	2. Kalubhar
3.	Mandvi	3. Pira
4.	Kachchigarh	4. Savaibet
5.	Gopnath	
6.	Alang	
Maharashtra/Goa		
1.	Uttan	1. Vengurla Rock
2.	Korlai Fort	2. Sao George
3.	Jaigarh	3. Kanhoji Angre
4.	Ratnagiri	4. Sunk Rock
5.	Umergaon	
6.	Devgad	
7.	Tolkeshwar	
8.	Kanai Creek	
9.	Aguada	
Karnataka		
1.	Bhatkal	1. Oyster Rock
2.	Suratkal	
3.	Kaup	
Kerala		
1.	Chetwai	
2.	Vypin	
3.	Mannakodam	
4.	Vizhinjam	
5.	Thangesseri	
6.	Kannur	
7.	Alleppy	

Sl.No.	Land Lighthouses	Island Lighthouses
8.	Kadalur Point	
	Lakshadweep	
		1. Kadamat
		2. Thinakara
		3. Agathi
		4. Androth W. End
		5. Kavaratti
		6. Suhelipar
		7. Chetlath
		8. Kalpeni
		9. Kiltan
		10. Minicoy
	Tamil Nadu	
	1. Manappad	
	2. Kilakkarai	
	3. Kodikkarai	
	4. Portonovo	
	5. Pulicat	
	6. Mahabalipuram	
	7. Kanyakumari-Muttam	
	Puduchery	
	1. Pondicherry	
	Andhra Pradesh	
	1. Antervedi	1. Nagayalanka
	2. Sacramento	
	3. Vakalpudi	
	4. Santapille	
	5. Kalingapatnam	
	Odisha	
	1. Gopalpur	1. False point
	2. Puri	

Sl.No.	Land Lighthouses	Island Lighthouses
3.	Paradip	
4.	Chandrabhaga	
West Bengal		
1.	Dariyapur	1. Saugor island
Andaman and Nicobar Island		
		1. North point
		2. North Cinque
		3. Port Cornwallis
		4. Sir Huge Rose
		5. Aves
		6. East island
		7. Chidiya Tapu
		8. Little Andaman
		9. Rutland
		10. Keating Point
		11. South Sentinel
		12. Narcondum

Development of Buddhist circuits

1261. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme for the integrated development of the Buddhist circuits in the country; and

(b) if so, the project-wise and State-wise details thereof including the implementation framework, funds allocated and projects earmarked under the proposal for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan scheme in the year 2014-15 with a vision to develop theme based tourist circuits on the principles of high tourist value, competitiveness and sustainability in an integrated manner by synergizing efforts to focus on needs and concerns of all stakeholders to enrich tourist experience and enhance employment opportunities. The Ministry has