

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1259
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2024

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST PLACES IN MAHARASHTRA

1259 SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total funds allocated to develop tourist places in Maharashtra in the last three fiscal years;
- (b) the percentage of these allocated funds that has been disbursed till date along with the reasons for delays, if any, in disbursement; and
- (c) whether many proposals for tourism development projects in Maharashtra are currently pending with the Central Government for approval?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism under its Central Sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' extends financial assistance to the State Governments and UT Administrations in consultation with them. Under these schemes, the funds are released in instalments as per the Utilization Certificates submitted by the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations and in line with the scheme guidelines. The Ministry has sanctioned 2 projects under Swadesh Darshan (SD) and 1 project under PRASHAD Scheme in the State of Maharashtra, the details of which is annexed.

Under the scheme 'Assistance to Central Agencies', the Ministry during the last 3 fiscal years has sanctioned a project 'Upgradation/Modernization to International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai Port Trust' in 2021-22 in Maharashtra for Rs.37.50 Crore and Rs.30.00 Crore has been released.

The Ministry of Tourism has recently revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, following a destination & tourism-centric approach. In consultation with the States/UTs and in line with the scheme guidelines, the Ministry has accordingly identified 57 destinations in the country for development under SD 2.0 including 'Sindhudurg' and 'Ajanta-Ellora' in Maharashtra. In addition, the Ministry has identified 'Ahmednagar' under Culture & Heritage Destinations category, in 'Challenge Based Destination Development' (CBDD), a sub-scheme under Swadesh Darshan 2.0.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1259 ANSWERED ON 01.08.2024 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST PLACES IN MAHARASHTRA RAISED BY SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK

The list of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme in Maharashtra is as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	State/ UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released*	Amount Utilised	Physical Progress
1.	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06	18.10	17.61	Complete
2.	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad	45.47	43.19	32.04	Complete

*** Includes amount released to Central Nodal Agency (CNA) as per new financial procedure.**

The details of the project sanctioned under PRASHAD scheme in Maharashtra is as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Physical Progress %	Financial Progress	District
Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	42.18	29.93	82%	71%	Nashik
