

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1098
ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025

TOURISM PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

1098 DR. FAUZIA KHAN:

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

- (a) the details and number of tourism destinations developed in Maharashtra over the last three years, district-wise;
- (b) the major tourism projects proposed in Maharashtra since 2020, their current status, and the details of ongoing work;
- (c) the number of pending proposals from State Government of Maharashtra with the Central Government, along with reasons for delay; and
- (d) the steps taken to expedite tourism projects and resolve pending proposals?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Development of tourism is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) and Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme provides financial assistance to them for undertaking tourism related projects. Now the Ministry has revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable destinations. Considering projects for sanctioning under the above Schemes is an ongoing process. Such assistance is provided on receipt of the project proposals from the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations and subject to its adherence to the scheme guidelines and instructions issued by the Government, availability of budget, inter-se priority etc. The details of the projects sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and SD 2.0 schemes in the State of Maharashtra is Annexed.

In addition to Swadesh Darshan Scheme, the Ministry of Tourism under Challenge Based Destination Development, a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme has identified 42 destinations in the country including 'Ahmednagar' under the Culture & Heritage Destinations category in the State of Maharashtra.

Further, Ministry of Tourism regularly undertakes review meetings with the State Governments at different levels to expedite sanctioned tourism projects and resolve pending proposals.

Government of India under its 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' Scheme, sanctioned 40 projects in 23 States for ₹3295.76 Crore in the country including the following projects in the State of Maharashtra, in Financial Year 2024-25:

S. No.	Name of the Project	Cost (₹ in Crore)
1	Ex-INS Guldar Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef, and Submarine Tourism, Sindhudurg	46.91
2	Development of "RAM-KAL PATH" at Nashik	99.14

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1098 ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025 REGARDING TOURISM PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA RAISED BY DR. FAUZIA KHAN

Details of projects sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and SD 2.0 Schemes in the State of Maharashtra

Swadesh Darshan Scheme

Circuit/ Year of sanction	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned (₹ in Crore)
Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06
Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad	45.47

PRASHAD Scheme

Year of sanction	Name of the project	Amount sanctioned (₹ in Crore)
2017-2018	Development of Trimbakeshwar	42.18

Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) Scheme

Year of sanction	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned (₹ in Crore)
2024-25	'Shivrushti Historical Theme Park- Phase 3' at Pune	76.22

No UC is received as of now in respect of SD2.0 projects.
