

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.154
ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025

COMPREHENSIVE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PUNE

154 DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:

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

- (a) whether the comprehensive tourism development plan for Pune district aims to integrate various forms of tourism such as religious, historical, medical, agricultural and eco-tourism;
- (b) if so, the specific initiatives proposed under each category to attract diverse tourist demographics;
- (c) the steps being taken to ensure community involvement and stakeholder consultation in the planning and implementation process; and
- (d) whether Government plans to address potential environmental concerns arising from increased tourist activities in ecologically sensitive areas of Pune district, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IS REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.154 ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025 REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PUNE RAISED BY DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI

(a) to (d): Development of tourism destinations including formulation of comprehensive development plans is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government/UT Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism through its 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' schemes complements these efforts by providing financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations for undertaking tourism related projects at various tourist places. Such financial assistance under the relevant schemes is provided on receipt of the project proposals from the concerned State Government/UT Administration and subject to its adherence to the scheme guidelines and instructions issued by the Government from time to time, availability of budget, inter-se priority etc.

Providing suitable land and preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for implementation of the project is also done by State Government concerned.

The Ministry of Tourism recently revamped the Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations in the country and has sanctioned 34 projects for Rs.791.25 Crore including 'Shivrushti Historical Theme Park- Phase 3' project in Pune sanctioned for Rs.76.22 Crore.

Scheme guidelines of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 encourages consultations with various stakeholders and local community representatives while preparing DPR. The scheme also promotes adoption of principles of sustainable tourism including environmental sustainability, socio-cultural sustainability and economic sustainability.
