

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3636
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2020**

**PROJECTS UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME TO PROMOTE
RURAL TOURISM**

3636. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented any specific projects under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme to promote rural tourism in Maharashtra;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has devised the parameters to evaluate the effectiveness of this scheme in promoting rural tourism; and**
- (d) if so, the year-wise details of the total amount invested under this scheme and total tourist inflow in Maharashtra during the year 2019-20?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism under it's Swadesh Darshan Scheme provides financial assistance to the state governments/UT administration for developing tourism infrastructure in identified circuits across the country having tourism potential in a planned and prioritized manner. Rural circuit has been identified as one of the thematic circuit for development under the scheme. The projects once complete are expected to enhance tourist experience and increase tourist footfalls which in turn would help to augment revenue and jobs in tourism sector. The projects under the scheme are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable Detailed

Project Reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

(d): Based on the above criteria, detailed below are the projects sanctioned under Rural Circuit in the country and projects in Maharashtra are given in Annexure-I.

Details of the Tourist arrivals in Maharashtra are at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3636 ANSWERED ON 16.03.2020 REGARDING PROJECTS UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME TO PROMOTE RURAL TOURISM.**

S. No.	State/Year/Circuit	Detail	Sanctioned amount (Rs in Cr.)
Projects Under Rural Circuit in the country			
1.	Bihar 2016-17 Under Rural Circuit	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia under Rural Circuit	44.65
2.	Kerala 2018-19 under Rural Circuit	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project under Rural Circuit	80.37
Projects under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Maharashtra			
1.	Maharashtra Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg (Shiroda Beach, Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Devgad (Fort & Beach), Mitbhav, Tondavali, Mocehmad and Nivati Fort) under Coastal Circuit	82.17
2.	Maharashtra Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh- Telankhandi- Girad under Spiritual Circuit	54.01

ANNEXURE-II**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3636 ANSWERED ON 16.03.2020 REGARDING PROJECTS UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME TO PROMOTE RURAL TOURISM.****DETAILS OF THE TOURIST ARRIVAL IN MAHARASHTRA:-**

2014		2015		2016		2017		2018 (Revised)	
DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV
92632097	4389098	103403934	4408916	116515801	4670049	119191539	5078514	119191539	5078514
*Figures for 2017 is repeated for 2018									

The State Government of Maharashtra is yet to provide the tourist inflow data for the year 2019 and 2020.
