

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*109
ANSWERED ON 02.07.2019

PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN KONKAN AREA

*109. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiative for promoting tourism in Konkan area of Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof; the amount sanctioned and expenditure incurred since 2014 and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether facilities have been provided by Government, so that, tourists could access these places of tourist interest, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has considered constructing a crocodile park to provide habitat for their preservation in the backwaters of Konkan region, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*109 ANSWERED ON 02.07.2019 REGARDING PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN KONKAN AREA.

(a) to (c) : The Ministry of Tourism, under its different schemes has taken various initiatives for the Konkan region in Maharashtra as detailed below:

The Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme provides Central Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations/Central Agencies for development of thematic tourist circuits in the country. Coastal circuit is one of the fifteen thematic circuits identified for development under the scheme. The projects under the scheme are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/UT 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. Details of the project sanctioned for the Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit, under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme are as follows :

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Circuit Name/ Sanction Year	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Coastal Circuit (2015-16)	Development of the Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit (Shiroda Beach, Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Devgad (Fort & Beach), Mitbhav, Tondavali, Mocehmad and Nivati Fort)	82.17	12.79

The facilities in the above sanctioned project include :

- (i) Wayside Amenities
- (ii) Pathways for Beach Access
- (iii) Vehicle Parking Facilities
- (iv) Jetty Development at Vijaydurg and Devgad
- (v) Beach Facilities
- (vi) Beach Illumination
- (vii) Beach Safety
- (viii) Tourist Information Centres
- (ix) Street Lights
- (x) Toilets & Changing Rooms
- (xi) Viewing Towers
- (xii) Gazebo and Restaurant
- (xiii) Log Huts at Tondavali, Shiroda, Sagareshwar

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the following projects under its Scheme of Assistance to Central Agencies :

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	Year of sanction	Name of Projects	Central Agency	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1	2016-17	Central Financial Assistance to Mumbai Port Trust for Development of Kanoji Angre Lighthouse as a tourist Destination	Mumbai Port trust	15.00	15.00
2	2017-18	Up-gradation/ modernization to International Cruise terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai.	Mumbai Port Trust	12.50	10.00
Total				27.50	25.00

The Ministry of Tourism has also sanctioned a project for the manufacturing of three Glass Top Coaches to the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC), with a sanctioned cost of Rs 12.00 Crore during the Financial Year 2017-18 and the first instalment of Rs 6.00 Crore has been released. One of the glass top coaches is plying from Dadar in Mumbai to Madgaon in Goa on the Konkan route.

Promotion of the various tourism destinations and products in the country including the Konkan region are undertaken through the Social Media accounts and website of the Ministry.

No project proposal for construction of a crocodile park in the Konkan region has been received from the State Government.
