

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3631  
ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019**

**TOURISM DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR MAHARASHTRA**

**†3631. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:  
SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives for promoting tourism in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof along with the funds sanctioned and expenditure incurred during the last two years;**
- (b) whether a provision has been made or proposed to be made by the Government regarding any Tourism Development Fund for development of tourism in the State of Maharashtra;**
- (c) if so, the provisions made or proposed to be made by the Government for tourism development in Western Ghats range known as the biggest bio-diversity zone in the country;**
- (d) whether there is any proposal of the Government to launch a special programme to increase the number of tigers in Sahyadri Tiger Reserve; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism, under its different schemes has taken various initiatives for the development and promotion of tourism in Maharashtra as detailed below:**

**Under its schemes of Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies, the Ministry provides Central Financial Assistance to State Governments /Union Territory**

**Administrations/Central Agencies for development of thematic tourist circuits in the country, for holistic development of identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations and for development of infrastructure. Fifteen (15) thematic circuits have been identified under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, under which projects are sanctioned on pan-India basis. The projects 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 projects sanctioned under the above schemes in the States which fall under the Western Ghats region including the State of Maharashtra, are at Annexure**

**As part of its on-going activities, the Ministry annually releases print, electronic, online and outdoor media campaigns in the international and domestic markets, to promote various tourism destinations and products of the country, including those in the State of Maharashtra and the Western Ghats. Promotions are also undertaken through the Social Media accounts and website of the Ministry.**

**(d) and (e):The National Tiger Conservation Authority, in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India has sanctioned a proposal titled 'Tiger Recovery Strategy and Long Term Monitoring in Sahyadri Tiger Reserve' for Rs.258 lakhs to recover the tiger population.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3631 ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019 REGARDING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR MAHARASHTRA**

**Projects sanctioned in the States which fall under the Western Ghats region, including the State of Maharashtra, under the schemes of Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies**

**Swadesh Darshan Scheme****Rs. in crore**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State/UT Year of Sanction</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amt. released</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Goa Coastal Circuit (2016-17)</b>	<b>Development of Coastal Circuit (Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail) in Goa.</b>	<b>99.99</b>	<b>79.99</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Goa Coastal Circuit (2017-18)</b>	<b>Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek - Don Paula -Colva - Benaulim in Goa under Swadesh Darshan Scheme</b>	<b>99.35</b>	<b>19.87</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Gujarat Heritage Circuit (2016-17)</b>	<b>Development of Heritage Circuit in Ahmedabad- Rajkot- Porbandar -Bardoli- Dandi in Gujarat.</b>	<b>85.01</b>	<b>42.13</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Gujarat Heritage Circuit (2016-17)</b>	<b>Development of Heritage circuit: Vadnagar- Modhera and Patan in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan Scheme</b>	<b>98.61</b>	<b>79.85</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Gujarat Buddhist circuit (2017-18)</b>	<b>Development of Buddhist circuit: Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan scheme</b>	<b>35.99</b>	<b>7.20</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Kerala Eco Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi- Vagamon- Thekkady as Eco Tourism</b>	<b>76.55</b>	<b>61.24</b>

	<b>(2015-16)</b>	<b>Circuit in Idduki and Pathanamthitta Districts in Kerala.</b>		
<b>7</b>	<b>Kerala Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)</b>	<b>Development of Sabarimala – Erumeli – Pampa –Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.</b>	<b>99.99</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Kerala Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)</b>	<b>Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula-Sabrimala as a Spiritual Circuit in Kerala</b>	<b>92.22</b>	<b>72.42</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Kerala Rural Circuit (2018-19)</b>	<b>Development of Rural Circuit: Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project in Kerala</b>	<b>80.37</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Kerala Spiritual Circuit (2018-19)</b>	<b>Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania- Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam</b>	<b>69.47</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Kerala Spiritual Circuit (2018-19)</b>	<b>Development of Kasaragod, Wayanad, Kannur, Kozhikode, Palakkad, Mallapuram, Thrichur, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam, Allap-huza, Pathananamithitta, Kollam, Trivandrum</b>	<b>85.23</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Maharashtra Coastal Circuit (2015-16)</b>	<b>Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit</b>	<b>82.17</b>	<b>12.79</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Maharashtra (Spiritual Circuit) (2018-19)</b>	<b>Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh- Telankhandi- Girad under Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>54.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu Coastal Circuit (2016-17)</b>	<b>Development of Coastal Circuit (Chennai- Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari) in Tamil Nadu under Swadesh Darshan Scheme</b>	<b>99.92</b>	<b>49.96</b>

**PRASHAD Scheme****Rs. in Crore**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
	<b>Year 2016-17</b>			
<b>1</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>Development of Dwarka</b>	<b>26.23</b>	<b>6.85</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>Pilgrimage amenities at Somnath</b>	<b>37.44</b>	<b>26.51</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Development at Guruvayur Temple</b>	<b>46.14</b>	<b>36.91</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>Development of Kanchipuram</b>	<b>16.48</b>	<b>8.24</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>Development of Vellankani</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>2.59</b>
	<b>Year 2017-18</b>			
<b>6</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>Development of Trimbakeshwar</b>	<b>37.81</b>	<b>8.49</b>
	<b>Year 2018-19</b>			
<b>7</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>Development of Promenade at Somnath,</b>	<b>44.59</b>	<b>13.77</b>

**Assistance to Central Agencies Scheme****(Rs. in lakh)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Amount sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount released</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>Cruise Passenger Facilities Centre in the existing Passenger Terminal at Chennai Port.</b>	<b>1724.66</b>	<b>1724.66</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>Cruise Terminal Building at Mormugao Port Trust</b>	<b>879.04</b>	<b>767.187</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Development of a Walkway/Promenade on Willingdon Island, Cochin, Kerala</b>	<b>901.00</b>	<b>720.30</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Central Financial Assistance for upgrading of Berths &amp; Backup area of Ernakulam Wharf</b>	<b>2141.00</b>	<b>1070.50</b>

<b>5</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>Central Financial Assistance to Mumbai Port Trust for Development of Kanoji Angre Lighthouse as a Tourist Destination</b>	<b>1500.00</b>	<b>1500.00</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Project for Up-gradation of Golf Course at SAI Trivandrum Golf Club by the Sports Authority of India</b>	<b>2464.99</b>	<b>1232.49</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>Up-gradation/modernization to International Cruise terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai.</b>	<b>1250.00</b>	<b>1000.00</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>Improvement of immigration facility and deepening of existing cruise berth at Mormugao</b>	<b>1316.40</b>	<b>658.20</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Developing infrastructure at Cochin Port Cruise Terminal.</b>	<b>120.79</b>	<b>60.39</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Creation of additional tourism facilities at the Cochin Port Trust Walkway.</b>	<b>466.47</b>	<b>233.23</b>

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