

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2138  
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**SETTING UP OF COASTAL BASE MARITIME TOURISM CIRCUIT**

**2138. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up coastal base maritime tourism circuit along with the seashore of the country;**
- (b) if so, whether the coastal circuits will be exclusively connected with water transportation and be maintained with same hospitality and facilities therefor;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, the new plan to activate new openings for tourism development in the country?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of Swadesh Darshan is developing thematic circuits in the country in a planned and prioritized manner. Coastal circuit is one of the fifteen thematic circuits identified for development under this scheme with the objective of developing tourism infrastructure in the coastal areas.**

**The project under Swadesh Darshan scheme covers both new as well as existing tourism destinations. Under the scheme the Ministry provides financial assistance to the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure with the objective of providing better experience and facilities to the visitors at these sites and providing employment opportunities to the local community.**

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