

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.316
ANSWERED ON 15.09.2020

**INCLUSION OF PLACES FROM MARATHWADA REGION INTO RELIGIOUS
TOURISM CIRCUIT**

316. DR. BHAGWAT KARAD:

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

- (a) whether Government has any action plan for developing the religious places in the country by connecting them in a tourism circuit;
- (b) whether Government is planning to add places from Marathwada Region of Maharashtra into this circuit, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of concerned State Government/ Union Territory Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism under 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' schemes provides financial assistance to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations/ Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure. The projects are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission to suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned following projects for Maharashtra.

(Amount in crore)						
S.no.	Year	Scheme	Name of Circuit	Name of the Project	Sanctioned	Released
1	2015-16	Swadesh Darshan	Coastal Circuit	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit (Shiroda Beach, Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Devgad (Fort & Beach), Mitbhav, Tondavali, Mocehmad and Nivati Fort).	82.17	16.43
2	2018-19	Swadesh Darshan	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh- Telankhandi- Girad	54.01	12.00
3	2017-18	PRASHAD		Development of Trimbakeshwar'	37.81	8.49
