

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2260
ANSWERED ON 08.03.2021**

IDENTIFICATION OF RURAL TOURIST SPOTS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is ample scope for development of rural tourism in the country;**
- (b) if so, the State-wise/Union Territory-wise number of districts and villages which have been identified and developed as rural tourist spots during the last three years and the current year;**
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposals and suggestions from the States and Union Territories in this regard; and**
- (d) if so, the details of the amount of funds allocated by the Government for the said purpose along with the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Rural tourism has been identified as one of the Niche Tourism areas for development in the country by the Ministry of Tourism.

Ministry of Rural Development launched Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) on 21st February 2016 with an attempt to make the selected rural areas in form of the cluster, socially, economically and physically sustainable regions by providing economic, social and infrastructure amenities, thus leading to sustainable and balanced regional development in the country. 300 Rurban Clusters with thematic economic growth points are proposed to be developed across the country under this innovative Mission. To ensure an optimum level of development, twenty one components have been suggested as desirable for the Cluster development. Tourism Promotion is one of twenty one components.

70 percent of total investment is mobilised under the convergence with various Central as well as State schemes. The SPMRM provides an additional funding support of up to 30% of project cost (maximum upto Rs.15 crore for tribal cluster and Rs.30 crore for non-tribal cluster) as Critical Gap Fund (CGF) to enable development of Rurban Clusters. The funding under the mission is shared in ratio of 60:40 for the States and 90:10 for 8 North Eastern State, 3 Himalayan States. For Union Territories, 100 per cent funding is provided by the Government of India.

The States/UTs have proposed the activities related to tourism promotion under Integrated Cluster Action Plan. The list of the clusters wherein the activities related to tourism have been taken up, along with funds allocated to the activities related to tourism development- the list of Tourism Project under SPMRM is placed at Annexure.

Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, the Ministry is developing theme-based tourism circuits in the Country. Rural Circuit is one of the fifteen thematic circuits identified for development under the Scheme. Submission of project proposals by the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administration under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme are identified 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.

The details of the projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism under the Rural Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme are as below:

State/Year of Sanction	Details	Amount Sanctioned (in Rs. Crores)
Bihar 2017-18	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa-Chandrahia-Turkaulia	44.65
Kerala 2018-19	Development of Maland Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	80.37

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2260 ANSWERED ON 08.03.2021 REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF RURAL TOURIST SPOTS

LIST OF TOURISM PROJECTS UNDER SPMRM

S. No	State Name	Name of the District	Cluster Name	Sub Component	Critical Gap Funding (CGF) (in Rs. crore)	Convergence funds (in Rs. crore)	Total (in Rs. crore)
1	Andhra Pradesh	West Godavari	Eluru	Tourist Lodge	3.04	8.00	11.04
2	Assam	Kamrup	Hajo	Pilgrimage Development for Tourism	3.35	2.85	6.20
3	Tamil Nadu	Kancheepuram	Singaperumal Koil	Heritage Village and Tourism	0.25	0.00	0.25
4	Telangana	Karimnagar	Bizigirisharif	Beautification of Tourism Sites	1.00	0.00	1.00
5	Telangana	Komaram Bheem	Chirrakunta	Beautification of Tourism Sites	2.00	1.00	3.00
6	Telangana	Yadadri Bhuvanagiri	Choutuppal	Pilgrimage Development for Tourism	0.43	0.00	0.43
7	Telangana	Nirmal	Kuntala	Beautification of Tourism Sites	0.35	0.00	0.35
8	Telangana	Pedapally	Sulthanabad	Beautification of Tourism Sites	1.30	0.20	1.50
9	Telangana	Nagarkurnool	Vennacharla	Beautification of Tourism Sites	0.15	0.10	0.25
				Pilgrimage Development for Tourism	0.05	0.00	0.05
				Public Convenience Cum Cafeteria	0.20	0.20	0.40

				near tourist sites			
				Rain Shelter near tourism sites	0.40	0.00	0.40
10	Telangana	Nizamabad	Yedapally	Pilgrimage Development for Tourism	2.00	1.30	3.30
11	Bihar	Gaya	Nauranga	Beautification of Tourism Sites	0.00	11.33	11.33
				Construction of Tourism Parks	19.43	0.00	19.43
				Riverfront Development for tourism	2.00	0.00	2.00
				Shops or Market around Tourist Places	2.00	0.00	2.00
				Tourist Lodge	3.00	0.00	3.00
12	Gujarat	BanasKantha	Ambaji	Heritage Village and Tourism	7.00	25.00	32.00
13	Gujarat	Mehsana	Becharaji	Beautificatio n of Tourism Sites	8.56	0.00	8.56
				Pilgrimage Development for Tourism	1.22	0.00	1.22
14	Gujarat	Panchmahal	Morva	Beautificatio n of Tourism Sites	1.80	0.00	1.80
				Pilgrimage Development for Tourism	2.80	0.00	2.80
15	Gujarat	Arvalli	Shamalaji	Pilgrimage Development for Tourism	9.00	16.00	25.00
				Walk Way along tourism sites	0.50	0.00	0.50
16	Gujarat	Morbi	Tikar	Beautificatio n of Tourism Sites	0.00	0.00	0.00

				Beautificatio n of Tourism Sites	1.19	0.32	1.51
				Riverfront Development for tourism	1.60	0.00	1.60
17	Goa	South Goa	Xeldem	Beautificatio n of Tourism Sites	2.50	0.00	2.50
				Nature Trail	0.00	3.00	3.00
18	Himachal Pradesh	Mandi	Aut	Agri Tourism	0.88	0.16	1.04
				Agri Tourism	1.37	3.69	5.06
19	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	Ghanahatti	Beautificatio n of Tourism Sites	2.00	0.00	2.00
20	Himachal Pradesh	Kinnaur	Moorang	Beautificatio n of Tourism Sites	12.80	0.00	12.80
21	Haryana	Jhajjar	Badli	Beautificatio n of Tourism Sites	1.00	0.00	1.00
22	Haryana	Karnal	Ballah	Beautificatio n of Tourism Sites	0.00	1.22	1.22
23	Haryana	Panchkula	Ganeshpur	Beautificatio n of Tourism Sites	7.69	2.48	10.17
				Construction of Tourism Parks	1.00	0.00	1.00
24	Haryana	Rewari	Kosli	Beautification of Tourism Sites	3.00	0.00	3.00
25	Jharkhand	Simgeda	Aidega	Beautification of Tourism Sites	0.00	0.18	0.18
				Riverfront Development for tourism	0.00	0.18	0.18
				Tourist Lodge	0.10	0.00	0.10
26	Jharkhand	Dumka	Behrabank	Beautification of Tourism Sites	1.65	0.10	1.75
				Construction of Tourism Parks	0.40	0.00	0.40
27	Jharkhand	Ramgarh	Bicha	Construction	0.10	0.25	0.35

				of Tourism Parks			
28	Jharkhand	Khunti	Birhu	Beautification of Tourism Sites	1.20	0.00	1.20
				Construction of Tourism Parks	0.30	0.00	0.30
29	Jharkhand	Ranchi	Brambey	Boating	0.80	0.00	0.80
				Public Convenience Cum Cafeteria near tourist sites	1.00	0.00	1.00
30	Jharkhand	Purbi Singhbhum	Dharambahal	Heritage Village and Tourism	2.65	0.00	2.65
31	Jharkhand	West Singhbhum	Dudhbila	Beautification of Tourism Sites	1.55	0.05	1.60
				Walk Way along tourism sites	0.50	0.00	0.50
32	Jharkhand	Gumla	Karaundi	Beautification of Tourism Sites	0.10	0.00	0.10
				Chairs/ Benches near tourist sites	0.05	0.00	0.05
				Heritage Village and Tourism	0.50	0.00	0.50
				Pilgrimage Development for Tourism	0.75	0.00	0.75
				Public Convenience Cum Cafeteria near tourist sites	0.00	0.20	0.20
				Riverfront Development for tourism	0.55	0.00	0.55
				Shops or Market	0.60	0.00	0.60

				around Tourist Places			
33	Jharkhand	Chatra	Saradhu	Heritage Village and Tourism	1.90	0.00	1.90
34	Jharkhand	Bokaro	Siyaljori	Pilgrimage Development for Tourism	0.13	0.22	0.35
35	Ladakh	Leh	Spituk	Construction of Tourism Parks	6.30	0.00	6.30
				Public Convenience Cum Cafeteria near tourist sites	0.00	0.28	0.28
36	Kerala	Alappuzha	Kanjikuzhy - Mararikulam	Agri Tourism	3.00	0.00	3.00
				Agri Tourism	0.65	39.30	39.95
				Construction of Tourism Parks	0.60	0.00	0.60
37	Kerala	Thrissur	Punnayoorkul amVadakkek kad	Agri Tourism	4.05	4.50	8.55
38	Kerala	Palakkad	Puthucode- Kavassery	Agri Tourism	3.80	0.25	4.05
39	Kerala	Kottayam	Puthuppally - Manarcad	Beautification of Tourism Sites	0.90	1.50	2.40
40	Kerala	Malappuram	Tanalur - Niramaruthoor	Construction of Tourism Parks	3.26	0.50	3.76
				Riverfront Development for tourism	2.45	0.00	2.45
41	Maharashtra	Jalgaon	Hartale	Beautification of Tourism Sites	2.46	110.68	113.14
				Construction of Tourism Parks	0.00	4.37	4.37
				Tourist Lodge	0.93	0.00	0.93
42	Maharashtra	Aurangabad	Jogeshwari	Beautification of Tourism Sites	2.54	0.00	2.54

43	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Kanholibara	Pilgrimage Development for Tourism	0.00	1.76	1.76
44	Maharashtra	Palghar	Kasatwadi	Beautification of Tourism Sites	0.90	0.90	1.80
				Shops or Market around Tourist Places	1.80	0.00	1.80
				Trek Route	3.60	0.40	4.00
45	Maharashtra	Pune	Khadkala	Beautification of Tourism Sites	0.00	2.40	2.40
46	Maharashtra	Pune	Lonikalbhor	Beautification of Tourism Sites	0.00	0.50	0.50
47	Maharashtra	Jalgaon	Patonda	Pilgrimage Development for Tourism	0.00	0.10	0.10
48	Maharashtra	Jalgaon	Yengaon	Pilgrimage Development for Tourism	0.35	0.35	0.70
49	Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur	Achhatt	Beautification of Tourism Sites	9.27	1.52	10.79
50	Madhya Pradesh	Chhindwara	Delakhari	Beautification of Tourism Sites	3.00	0.00	3.00
51	Madhya Pradesh	Seoni	Kanhiwada	Nature Trail	1.75	0.00	1.75
52	Madhya Pradesh	Indore	NavdaPanth	Cycling Track	8.00	0.00	8.00
53	Madhya Pradesh	Mandla	Ramnagar	Nature Trail	0.35	0.48	0.83
54	Madhya Pradesh	Indore	Simrol	Beautification of Tourism Sites	2.00	0.00	2.00
55	Odisha	Ganjam	Kesapur	Boating	0.00	1.00	1.00
56	Odisha	Kandhamal	Kotagarh	Beautification of Tourism Sites	0.10	0.00	0.10
				Chairs/ Benches near tourist sites	0.00	0.30	0.30
57	Odisha	Sundergarh	Kuarmunda	Riverfront Development	0.50	0.50	1.00

				for tourism			
58	Odisha	Balasore	Rabania	Construction of Tourism Parks	0.40	1.10	1.50
59	Punjab	Tarn Taran	Chohla Sahib	Cycling Track	1.00	0.00	1.00
				Pilgrimage Development for Tourism	2.00	0.00	2.00
				Public Convenience Cum Cafeteria near tourist sites	2.34	0.00	2.34
				Revamping Historical Sites	0.24	0.00	0.24
60	Punjab	Fatehgarh Sahib	Sanghol	Riverfront Development for tourism	1.00	0.00	1.00
				Construction of Tourism Parks	1.00	0.00	1.00
				Revamping Historical Sites	3.00	0.00	3.00
				Walk Way along tourism sites	1.75	0.00	1.75
61	Rajasthan	Banswara	Abapura	Pilgrimage Development for Tourism	1.70	0.35	2.05
62	Rajasthan	Udaipur	Gogunda	Riverfront Development for tourism	5.80	2.54	8.34
63	Rajasthan	Bharatpur	Jurehera	Construction of Tourism Parks	2.97	2.00	4.97
64	Rajasthan	Barmer	Majiwala	Riverfront Development for tourism	2.00	0.00	2.00
65	Rajasthan	Bikaner	Palana	Beautification of Tourism Sites	0.12	0.00	0.12
66	Rajasthan	Pratapgarh	PeeliKhera	Construction of Tourism Parks	0.10	0.00	0.10

				Tourist Lodge	0.15	0.00	0.15
67	Rajasthan	Jalore	Raniwara Kalan	Pilgrimage Development for Tourism	2.24	0.05	2.29
68	Rajasthan	Jodhpur	Salawas	Construction of Tourism Parks	4.00	0.00	4.00
69	Sikkim	South Sikkim	Namthang	Beautification of Tourism Sites	0.00	4.27	4.27
				Public Convenience Cum Cafeteria near tourist sites	0.12	0.00	0.12
70	Sikkim	West Sikkim	Soreng	Nature Trail	0.86	0.39	1.25
71	Tripura	North Tripura	Belianchip	Beautification of Tourism Sites	1.26	0.00	1.26
				Construction of Tourism Parks	0.32	0.00	0.32
				Pilgrimage Development for Tourism	0.10	0.00	0.10
				Rain Shelter near tourism sites	0.30	0.00	0.30
				Trek Route	0.10	0.00	0.10
72	Tripura	Gomati	Killa	Construction of Tourism Parks	1.00	0.90	1.90
73	Tripura	North Tripura	Rowa	Construction of Tourism Parks	0.93	0.00	0.93
				Rain Shelter near tourism sites	0.66	0.00	0.66
				Trek Route	0.10	0.00	0.10
74	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	South Andaman	Ferrargunj	Agri Tourism	0.00	2.70	2.70
				Beautification of Tourism Sites	6.96	0.00	6.96
				Construction of Tourism Parks	4.50	0.80	5.30

				Nature Trail	1.14	0.00	1.14
				Public Convenience Cum Cafeteria near tourist sites	4.30	0.00	4.30
				RAILING or Floating jetty or Wooden jetty	1.10	0.30	1.40
				Revamping Historical Sites	1.44	10.76	12.20
				Riverfront Development for tourism	1.20	0.00	1.20
				Shops or Market around Tourist Places	0.00	0.23	0.23
				Walk Way along tourism sites	0.00	0.65	0.65
75	Daman & Diu	Daman	Moti Daman	Beautification of Tourism Sites	7.75	0.00	7.75
76	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Dadra Nagar Haveli	Sayli	Shops or Market around Tourist Places	1.50	0.00	1.50
77				Beautification of Tourism Sites	2.79	0.00	2.79
				Chairs/ Benches near tourist sites	0.39	0.00	0.39
				Nature Trail	0.77	0.00	0.77
				Public Convenience Cum Cafeteria near tourist sites	0.34	0.00	0.34
				Railing	0.15	0.00	0.15

				Rain Shelter near tourism sites	0.37	0.00	0.37
				Shops or Market around Tourist Places	0.20	0.00	0.20
				Trek Route	0.44	0.00	0.44
				Walk Way along tourism sites	2.12	0.00	2.12
78	Uttarakhand	Bageshwar	Kausani	Agri Tourism	6.40	0.00	6.40
79	Uttarakhand	Udham Singh Nagar	Paheniya	Public Convenience Cum Cafeteria near tourist sites	1.50	0.50	2.00
80	Uttar Pradesh	Kushi Nagar	Bans Gaon	Construction of Tourism Parks	1.90	3.60	5.50
81	Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakoot	Kasahai	Beautification of Tourism Sites	5.00	1.50	6.50
82	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra	Kodai	Construction of Tourism Parks	0.99	0.20	1.19
83	Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakoot	Mau Mustkil	Tourist Lodge	4.00	0.00	4.00
84	Uttar Pradesh	Mahoba	Sri Nagar	Beautification of Tourism Sites	0.80	0.00	0.80
				Shops or Market around Tourist Places	0.40	0.00	0.40
TOTAL					280.26	282.46	562.72
