

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.127
ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021**

CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT AT TOURIST DESTINATIONS

127: SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

SHRI G.M.SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government has taken note of large-scale scope for the creation of employment at tourist destinations and has undertaken a serious homework to exploit the resources;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the names of tourist destinations where the local people have actually benefitted out of the initiative taken by the Union Government;**
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Union Government has some plans to identify new tourist destinations in each State of the country for promotion and development as potential tourist destinations with basic tourism facilities based upon specially drawn-up master plans in the next three years; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in respect of Maharashtra?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism started the Destination Based Skill Development training programme at 7 iconic sites i.e. Taj Mahal at Agra, Humayun Tomb, Red Fort, Qutub Minar at Delhi, Mahabodhi Temple at Bihar, Colva Beach at Goa and Kaziranga at Assam in FY 2019-20 to train, upgrade and sensitize the local people residing near these tourism sites and destinations.

This programme continued in Financial Year (FY) 2020-21 and upscaled to more than 150 new destinations. However, due to Covid-19 pandemic this programme took place at 44 destinations. The list of destinations is given at Annexure-I.

This programme is continued during the current FY 2021-22. So far this programme has taken place at 24 destinations. The list of destinations is given at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d) : Development and identification of new of tourism spots, is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/ Union Territory Administration including the State Government of Maharashtra. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India under its schemes of Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies, provides central financial assistance to State Governments/ Union Territories/ Central Agencies for development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities to provide an enriching tourism experience to visitors. The projects under the schemes are identified for development in consultation with 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.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.127 ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021 REGARDING CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT AT TOURIST DESTINATIONS

S.No	Name of Destination	State
1	Elephanta Caves	Maharashtra
2	Amber Fort	Rajasthan
3	Sree Padmanabaswamy Temple	Kerala
4	Bekal Fort	Kerala
5	Leh Palace	Ladakh
6	Bhedaghat	Jabalpur
7	Vaishnodevi (Katra)	Jammu & Kashmir
8	Bhaderwah	Jammu & Kashmir
9	Badrinath	Uttarakhand
10	Gangotri	Uttarakhand
11	Gwalior Fort	Madhya Pradesh
12	Taj Mahal, Agra	Uttar Pradesh
13	Kailash Nath Temple, Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu
14	Mahabalipuram	Tamil Nadu
15	Pahalgam	Jammu & Kashmir
16	Cherrapunjee	Meghalaya
17	Living Root Bridges	Meghalaya
18	Ramappa Temple, Warangal	Telangana
19	Golkonda Fort, Hyderabad	Telangana
20	Malanithan	Arunachal Pradesh
21	Doorjeeling	Arunachal Pradesh
22	Ziro, Lower Subansiri	Arunachal Pradesh
23	Namsai, Namsai District	Arunachal Pradesh
24	Hampi	Karnataka
25	Orchha	Madhya Pradesh
26	Kaziranga	Assam
27	Kamakhya Temple	Assam
28	Falkland, Aizwal	Mizoram
29	Phawngpui Tlang (Lawngtlai)	Mizoram
30	Lianchhiari Lunglen Tlang, Dungtlang (Champhai)	Mizoram
31	Reiek (Mamit)	Mizoram
32	Pre-historic rock shelters of Bhimbetka	Madhya Pradesh