

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 623
ANSWERED ON 02.12.2021

PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN RURAL AREAS

623. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of Rural Circuits proposed by Government to promote tourism in rural areas of the country;
- (b) the details of Rural Circuits identified in the country, particularly in the State of Maharashtra;
- (c) projects identified under the above circuit in the State of Maharashtra since implementation of the scheme, project-wise status and details thereof; and
- (d) the timeline for completion of projects along with the allocation made in the 2021-22 Budget for rural circuits in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G.KISHAN REDDY)

(a): The Ministry of Tourism has identified Rural Circuit as one of the 15 thematic circuits under its scheme of 'Swadesh Darshan' with the primary objective to create tourism infrastructure at the selected sites/destinations and to enhance visitor experience/satisfaction.

(b) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism has not sanctioned any project under Rural Circuit of Swadesh Darshan scheme in the State of Maharashtra. The details of projects sanctioned under Rural Circuit of 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme is Annexed. The budget allocation is made for the Swadesh Darshan scheme and no separate allocation is made for Rural Circuits in 2021-22.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 623 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2021 REGARDING PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN RURAL AREAS.

THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER RURAL CIRCUITS OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

S.No.	Name of State	Name of Circuit & Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released	Completion Timeline
1.	Bihar	Rural Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa-Chandrahia-Turkaulia	44.65	35.72	31.03.2022
2.	Kerala	Rural Circuit (2018-19)	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	80.37	23.77	31.12.2022
Total				125.02	59.49	
