

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 495
ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023**

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN MAHABALESHWAR

495. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of tourism development plan of Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani in Satara district of Maharashtra;**
- (b) whether the forest department has prepared a plan to develop tourism in Mahabaleshwar and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether there is any proposal to connect Mahabaleshwar with Pratapgad fort by ropeway to boost tourism in that region of Satara and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of 'Swadesh Darshan' provides central financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations etc. for development of tourism infrastructure in the country and the projects under the scheme are sanctioned in consultation with the State Governments/UTs subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier etc. Under this scheme the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned two projects in the State of Maharashtra as per the details below:

(Amount in ₹ crore)

Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Sanctioned Amount
Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	2015-16	19.06
Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad	2018-19	53.96

The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) for development of sustainable and responsible tourist destinations and has identified Sindhudurg in Maharashtra for development under SD2.0. Ministry of Tourism presently has no proposal under consideration for development of Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani including connecting Mahabaleshwar with Pratapgad fort by ropeway under SD2.0 scheme.
