

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 941
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2023

TOURISM CIRCUITS UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME

941 SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- whether Government is progressing with Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) for boosting tourism sector, if so, the details thereof;
- whether Government has taken steps for development of tribal and rural circuits under the SDS, if so, the details thereof;
- whether Government has received proposal from Maharashtra for the development of tourism circuits, if so, the details thereof and the response of the Central Government thereto; and
- whether all the identified tourism circuits have been made operational, if so, the details thereof including the number of tourists participated in each circuit under the said Scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism launched the Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) for integrated development of theme based tourist circuits in the country in 2014-15 with the objective to develop tourism infrastructure. A total of 76 projects have been sanctioned in various States/UT Administrations under this scheme. Now, the Ministry of Tourism has revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) for development of sustainable and responsible tourist destinations.

The Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan scheme has sanctioned 4 projects under Tribal Theme and 2 projects under Rural Theme in the country, the detail of which are annexed.

The Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan scheme has sanctioned two projects in Maharashtra, the details of which is as under;

Theme/Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Amount sanction in ₹ Crore.
Coastal Circuit/ 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06
Spiritual Circuit/ 2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad	53.96

In addition, the Ministry under the Swadesh Darshan scheme 2.0 has identified 'Sindhudurg' as a destination for development in Maharashtra.

Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme is the responsibility of the respective State Government/UT Administration. The Ministry of Tourism does not maintain circuit-wide data for the number of tourists participated in each circuit.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.941 ANSWERED ON 09.02.2023 REGARDING TOURISM CIRCUITS UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME

(A) DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER TRIBAL CIRCUIT OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.

(Amt. in crore)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Year	Name of the Project/ Year of Sanction	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	Nagaland	(2015-16)	Development of Circuit at Peren- Kohima- Wokha	97.36
2.	Chhattisgarh	(2015-16)	Development of Jashpur- Kunkuri- Mainpat- Ambikapur- Maheshpur -Ratanpur- Kurdar- Sarodadadar- Gangrel- Kondagaon- NathiyaNawagaon- Jagdalpur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh.	96.10
3.	Telangana	(2016-17)	Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram- Medavaram- Tadvai- Damaravi- Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls.	79.87
4.	Nagaland	(2016-17)	Development of Mokokchung–Tuensang- Mon	98.14

(B) DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER RURAL CIRCUIT OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.

(Amt. in crore)

S. No.	Name of State	Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	Bihar	(2017-18)	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.27
2.	Kerala	(2018-19)	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	80.37
