

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME IN WEST BENGAL

943 DR. SANTANU SEN:

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

- (a) the number of projects approved by Government for the State of West Bengal under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme in last five years, year-wise, district-wise;
- (b) the details of funds sanctioned and allocated for West Bengal under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in last five years, year-wise, district-wise; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by Government to increase tourism in the country, especially in West Bengal?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Tourism in the year 2015-16 has sanctioned 1 project in the State of West Bengal under coastal circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan scheme for an amount of Rs.67.99 Crore and an amount of Rs. 65.07 Crore have been released.

(c): The Ministry of Tourism provides Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country including West Bengal, under its ongoing schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) and 'Assistance to Central Agencies'. In addition, the Ministry undertakes various holistic promotional activities under the 'Incredible India' brand-line to promote various tourism destinations and products of the country including West Bengal.
