

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYASABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2705
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023

TOURIST DESTINATIONS IN MAHARASHTRA

2705 SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- (a) the details of tourist destinations in the State of Maharashtra preferred by foreign tourists and the effective steps taken by Government to improve the quality and infrastructural facilities available at these tourist destinations;
- (b) whether Government has taken any measures to improve the facilities and tourism-friendly initiatives, particularly in Maharashtra, and the Central Government expenditure for tourism in the State during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the other steps taken by Government to boost tourism in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Tourism does not maintain destination-wise data on tourist visits. However, State-wise Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) during 2019, 2020 & 2021 are given at Annexure-I.

Identification and development of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. 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 in the country including Maharashtra to provide an enriching tourism experience to visitors in a planned and phased manner. This is continuous process. The projects under the Schemes are identified for development in consultation with State Governments/ Union Territory (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.

The details of project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme, PRASHAD scheme and Scheme of Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure in the State of Maharashtra are given at Annexure-II.

(c): Ministry of Tourism promotes India as a holistic destination in the tourism generating markets to promote various Indian tourism products and tourism destinations of the country to increase India's share of the global tourism market.

The above objectives are met through an integrated marketing and promotional strategy, and a synergized campaign in association with the Travel Trade, State Governments and Indian Missions. The Government continuously engages with industry experts and other relevant stakeholders and take their suggestions and feedback for promotion of varied tourism products of India. In order to boost visitor arrival, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has declared "Incredible India! Visit India Year 2023".

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2705 ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023 REGARDING TOURIST DESTINATIONS IN MAHARASHTRA

State-wise Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) in India during 2020, 2021 & 2022

(Figures in '000)

S. No.	State/ UT	2020	2021	2022 (P)
		Foreign	Foreign	Foreign
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	5.4	1.7	4.5
2	Andhra Pradesh	67.6	27.6	165.8
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1.0	0.2	1.0
4	Assam	7.3	0.5	9.0
5	Bihar	308.1	1.0	86.8
6	Chandigarh	12.2	5.5	26.2
7	Chhattisgarh	2.3	0.0	0.6
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.2	0.1	0.5
9	Daman & Diu	1.4	0.1	1.3
10	Delhi *	681.2	100.2	100.2
11	Goa	302.8	22.1	179.7
12	Gujarat	210.0	11.3	2196.0
13	Haryana	17.5	4.6	10.9
14	Himachal Pradesh	42.7	4.9	29.3
15	Jammu & Kashmir	5.3	1.7	20.0
16	Jharkhand	0.5	1.6	192.3
17	Karnataka	165.3	72.5	128.5
18	Kerala	340.8	60.5	345.5
19	Lakshadweep	0.4	0.0	0.1
20	Madhya Pradesh	99.8	41.6	174.0
21	Maharashtra *	1262.4	185.6	185.6
22	Manipur	3.1	0.6	3.9
23	Meghalaya	2.3	0.4	7.9
24	Mizoram	0.3	0.2	2.6
25	Nagaland	0.5	0.3	2.9
26	Odisha	10.2	2.3	22.1
27	Puducherry	92.1	0.3	0.9
28	Punjab	359.1	308.1	329.5
29	Rajasthan	446.5	34.8	396.7
30	Sikkim	19.9	11.5	68.6
31	Tamil Nadu	1228.3	57.6	329.9
32	Tripura	31.9	0.0	8.5
33	Telangana	46.7	5.9	68.4
34	Uttar Pradesh	890.9	44.7	213.9
35	Uttarakhand	41.3	8.5	61.6
36	West Bengal	463.3	34.8	1037.0
37	Ladakh	1.1	1.1	21.3
	Total	7171.8	1054.6	6433.6

P: Provisional

Source: State/Union Territory Tourism Departments

*Data for FTVs for Delhi and Maharashtra are estimated figures for whole year.

Note: Data for FTVs for Chandigarh and Uttar Pradesh during 2022 are partially estimated figures.

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2705 ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023 REGARDING TOURIST DESTINATIONS IN MAHARASHTRA

• **Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Maharashtra**

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	State/ UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1.	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06	18.11
2.	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad	53.96	32.04

• **Projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Maharashtra**

(Rs. in Crore)

Sr. No.	State/UTs	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Amt. Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Maharashtra	Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	52.92	27.67

• **Projects sanctioned under Assistance to Central Agencies Scheme in Maharashtra**

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Year	Name of State	Name of Project	Agency	Amount sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	2016-17	Maharashtra	Central Financial Assistance to Mumbai Port Trust for Development of Kanoji Angre Lighthouse as a tourist Destination	Mumbai Port trust	1500.00	1500.00
2.	2017-18	Maharashtra	Up-gradation/ modernization to International Cruise terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai.	Mumbai Port Trust	1250.00	1250.00
3.	2021-22	Maharashtra	Upgradation/Modernization to International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai Port Trust	Mumbai Port Trust	3750.00	1875.00
