

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5121
ANSWERED ON 03.04.2023**

INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER SDS IN KARNATAKA

5121. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any action plan for infrastructure development under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Karnataka;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps for the development of rural circuits under the scheme;**
- (d) whether the Government has chalked out any plan for development of tourists' spot along the Chennai- Bengaluru- Mumbai corridor and along the Bengaluru-Poona National Highway; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): Development of tourist spots is primarily responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism in the year 2014-15 formulated its 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme under which 76 projects were sanctioned for Rs.5292.57 Crore in the country in different themes. As part of this scheme, two projects were sanctioned under Rural Circuit theme as per the details given below: -

(Amount in crore)

S.No.	Name of State/Year	Project Name	Amount 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	57.35
		Total	101.62

Now the Swadesh Darshan scheme has been revamped by the Ministry as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations and has identified 'Sindhudurg' in Maharashtra; 'Hampi' and 'Mysuru' in Karnataka and 'Mammallapuram' and 'The Nilgiris' in Tamil Nadu as destinations for development under the scheme.
