

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1334
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INCLUSION OF SDS 2.0 PROJECT IN WEST BENGAL

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 are implemented in West Bengal;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism (MOT) has revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan scheme 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourist destinations with tourist & destination centric approach. As per the SD2.0 scheme guidelines, the State Governments/UT Administrations prepare a State Perspective Plan (SPP) analysing tourism potential of various destinations based on the features like major tourism attractions, offerings, connectivity, current tourism eco system, state support etc. and the Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the respective State Government/UT Administration selects destinations for development under the scheme as per the prescribed procedures.

The State Government of West Bengal has not submitted State Perspective Plan (SPP) to Ministry of Tourism for selection of destinations for development in West Bengal under SD 2.0.

However, the Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan scheme had sanctioned a project 'Development of Beach Circuit: Udaypur- Digha-Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj-Bakhlai- Henry Island' in the year 2015-16 for a revised cost of Rs.67.99 crore. The project is reported physically complete by the State Government of West Bengal.
