

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*94
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2024**

TOURISM PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

***94 SMT. SAJDA AHMED:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the present status of the tourism projects undertaken by the Government under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of West Bengal;**
- (b) the details of the proposals received by the Government from the State Government of West Bengal for tourism development projects during the last five years;**
- (c) whether the Government has any action plan or any proposal for the development of Gadiara in Howrah, West Bengal; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*94 ANSWERED ON 29.07.2024 REGARDING TOURISM PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL RAISED BY SMT. SAJDA AHMED.

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan scheme complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations in consultation with them. The Ministry under this scheme sanctioned 1 project 'Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur-Digha - Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj- Bakkhali- Henry Island' in 2015-16 in coastal circuit theme for Rs.67.99 Crore. The project is reported physically complete. The Ministry of Tourism has recently revamped the Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations. As per the scheme guidelines, the State Governments/UT Administrations prepare State Perspective Plans analysing tourism potential of various destinations based on the specified parameters and thereafter the destinations are shortlisted by the Ministry of Tourism for development under the scheme. The Ministry of Tourism has not received the State Perspective Plan from the State Government of West Bengal under SD 2.0.
