

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.954  
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2024**

**PROMOTION OF GREEN TOURISM**

**954. SHRI SHYAMKUMAR DAULAT BARVE:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA CHANDU BARNE:  
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN  
RAJENIMBALKAR:  
SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:**

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

- (a) whether India's tourism sector is showing one of the strongest recoveries in the Asia Pacific region;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to open up to fifty new tourism destinations to promote green tourism;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the countries and States in which this campaign has been started/launched;**
- (e) the names of the States where these fifty new tourism destinations have been identified, the district-wise details including Maharashtra State along with the status of the said scheme in the aspirational district Osmanabad;**
- (f) whether the proposed destinations are provided with required infrastructure and connectivity; and**
- (g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Maharashtra State?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (g): As per UNWTO barometer, May 2024, International tourism is experiencing a rapid recovery in Asia and Pacific where arrivals reached 82% of pre-pandemic levels in Q1 2024. India shows one of the strongest recovery in Asia and Pacific region**

where arrivals reached 89% of pre-pandemic levels in the same period.

To position India as a preferred global destination for sustainable and responsible tourism, Ministry of Tourism has formulated National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism. The following strategic pillars have been identified for the development of sustainable tourism:-

- (i) Promoting Environmental Sustainability**
- (ii) Protecting Biodiversity**
- (iii) Promoting Economic Sustainability**
- (iv) Promoting Socio-Cultural Sustainability**
- (v) Scheme for Certification of Sustainable Tourism**
- (vi) IEC and Capacity Building**
- (vii) Governance**

The Ministry of Tourism has revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme in the form of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 with the mission to create a robust framework for integrated development of tourism destinations in partnership with the States/UTs and local governments for promoting sustainable and responsible tourism in the country.

In consultation with the State Government/UT Administrations, 57 destinations across 32 States/UTs have been identified, till date, for development under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme. Details of which are given in Annexure-I.

“Challenge Based Destination Development”, a sub-scheme under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 aims for holistic development of a destination to enhance tourist experience across all of tourism value chain to transform our tourist destinations as sustainable and responsible destinations. Under this Scheme, the Ministry has identified 42 destinations under 4 categories, (i): Culture & Heritage Destinations, (ii): Spiritual Tourism, (iii): Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Destinations and (iv): Vibrant Villages Program Destination. The details of destinations identified under the category Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar are given in Annexure-II.

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**ANNEXURE-I**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.954 ANSWERED ON 29.07.2024 REGARDING PROMOTION OF GREEN TOURISM BY SHRI SHYAMKUMAR DAULAT BARVE, SHRI SHRIRANG APPA CHANDU BARNE, SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR AND SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT.**

**The list of destinations identified under Swadesh Darshan 2.0:**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>States/Union Territory</b>	<b>Destinations Identified</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>Gandikota, Arakku-Lambasingi</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>Nacho, Mechuka</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>Jorhat, Kokrajhar</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Gaya, Nalanda</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>Bilaspur, Jagdalpur</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>Porvorim, Colva</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>Dholavira, Dwarka</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Haryana</b>	<b>Panchkula (Morni)</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>Pong Dam</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>Basholi</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Jharkhand</b>	<b>Chandil</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>Hampi, Mysuru</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Kumarakom, Kozhikode (Beypore)</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>Gwalior, Chitrakoot</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>Sindhudurg, Ajanta-Ellora</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>Moirang (Bishnupur)</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>Shillong, Sohra</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>Aizawl, Champhai</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Niuland, Chumukedima</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Odisha</b>	<b>Koraput, Debrigarh along with special attraction of 'khinda village'</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>Amritsar, Kapurthala</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>Bundi (Keshoraipatan), Jodhpur</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>Gangtok, Gyalshing</b>

<b>24</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>Mamallapuram, The Nilgiris</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>Bhongir, Ananthagiri</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>Agartala, Unakoti</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>Prayagraj, Naimisharanya</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>Pittoragarh, Champavat</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Chandigarh</b>	<b>Chandigarh</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Lakshadweep</b>	<b>Lakshadweep</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Puducherry</b>	<b>Puducherry, Karaikal</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>Ladakh</b>	<b>Leh, Kargil</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>

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**List of Destinations identified under Challenge Based Destination Development in the Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Category:**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Destinations</b>	<b>State/UT</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Bichom Dam</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Sivasagar</b>	<b>Assam</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Mayali Bagicha</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Mayem Village</b>	<b>Goa</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Thol Village</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Udupi</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Mushkoh Village</b>	<b>Ladakh</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Lakshadweep</b>	<b>Lakshadweep</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Doyang Reservior</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Kamareddy</b>	<b>Telangana</b>

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