

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1091
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FUNDS FOR TOURISM PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

1091 SMT. SUPRIYA SULE:

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total funds allocated by the Union Government to develop tourist places in the State of Maharashtra during the last three fiscal years;**
- (b) the percentage of the disbursed allocated funds to date along with reasons for any delays in disbursement;**
- (c) the details of proposals pending approval from the Union Government for tourism development projects in the State of Maharashtra;**
- (d) the average time taken by the Government to review and approve these proposals;**
- (e) whether the Government conducted any assessment or study to evaluate the socio-economic impact of delayed approvals on tourism infrastructure development in the said State and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the steps taken/being taken to expedite the approval process for pending proposals to ensure timely implementation of tourism projects?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (f): The Ministry of Tourism under its Central Sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' extends financial assistance to the State Governments and UT Administrations in consultation with them. The Ministry has sanctioned 2 projects under Swadesh Darshan (SD) and 1

project under PRASHAD Scheme in the State of Maharashtra as per the details given below:

Name of Scheme	Name of Project	Year of sanction	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. In Crore)	Amount released/ authorized (Rs. In Crore)
Swadesh Darshan	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg, Mitbhav	2015-16	19.06	18.10
	Development of Waki-Adasa- Dhapewada-Paradsingha-Telankhandi- Girad	2018-19	45.47	43.19
PRASHAD	Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	42.18	29.93

Under the scheme 'Assistance to Central Agencies', the Ministry during the last 3 fiscal years, has sanctioned a project 'Upgradation/Modernization to International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai Port Trust' in 2021-22 in Maharashtra for Rs.37.50 Crore and Rs.36.00 Crore has been released.

The Ministry of Tourism has recently revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, following a destination & tourism-centric approach. In consultation with the States/UTs and in line with the scheme guidelines, the Ministry has accordingly identified 57 destinations in the country for development under SD 2.0 including 'Sindhudurg' and 'Ajanta-Ellora' in Maharashtra. In addition, the Ministry has identified 'Ahmednagar' under Culture & Heritage Destinations category, in 'Challenge Based Destination Development' (CBDD), a sub-scheme under Swadesh Darshan 2.0.

The proposals for projects at identified destinations are formulated by the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations. Reviewing and sanctioning of the projects is an ongoing process and is done as per the procedures and requirements stipulated in the scheme guidelines. The Ministry of Tourism has not conducted any study to evaluate the socio-economic impact of delayed approvals on tourism infrastructure development. However, the Ministry from time to time encourages the State Governments/UT Administrations to formulate the proposals in line with the scheme guidelines at the identified destinations.
