

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2063
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2024

DEVELOPMENT OF CRUISE TOURISM

2063 SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- (a) whether cruise tourism has seen less development in the country despite having huge potential and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government has identified the States, including Maharashtra, which have huge potential for cruise tourism and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Maharashtra has approached the Central Government for the development of cruise tourism and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken by Government to popularize cruise tourism among masses?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): To position India as a preferred destination for cruise tourism globally, Ministry of Tourism has drafted a National Strategy for Cruise Tourism.

Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to States/UTs including Maharashtra for tourism infrastructure development under its different schemes. The list of projects sanctioned under Coastal Circuit and Cruise Project under Swadesh Darshan and CFA Scheme is given at Annexure.

As informed by Ministry of Shipping, Ports and Waterways, various steps have been taken to popularize Cruise among masses.

The Government has taken initiatives to facilitate the visits of Cruise vessels and tourists as detailed below:

- (i) For berthing, cruise vessel is given priority over cargo vessel.
- (ii) Rationalised cruise tariff has been introduced.
 - (a) Port charges are recovered @ \$0.085/GRT (fixed rate) and a nominal passenger head tax of \$6 for first 12 hours of stay at berth.
 - (b) Cruise ships are provided discounts ranging from 10% to 30% based on volume of their calls.
- (iii) Ousting charges have been removed to attract cruise vessels.
- (iv) E-Visa and on-arrival visa facilities have been extended.
- (v) Single e-Landing Card has been introduced which is valid for all ports in cruise itinerary.
- (vi) Cabotage has been waived for foreign cruise vessels. This relaxation allows foreign cruise ship to transport Indian nationals from one Indian Port to another Indian Port during its domestic leg.
- (vii) In order to promote tourism, conditional IGST exemption has been approved for foreign going vessel when it converts to coastal run, subject to its re-conversion to foreign going vessel within six months.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2063 ANSWERED ON 08.08.2024 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF CRUISE TOURISM RAISED BY SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK.

List of Projects Sanctioned under the Scheme Assistance to Central Agencies for development of Cruise Terminals and related infrastructure

(Rs. in Lakh)						
Sl. No.	Year	Name of State	Name of Project	Agency	Amount sanctioned	Amount Released
1	2012-13	Tamil Nadu	Cruise Passenger Facilities Centre in the existing Passenger Terminal at Chennai Port.	Chennai Port Trust	1724.66	1724.66
2	2014-15	Goa	Cruise Terminal Building at Mormugao Port Trust	Mormugao Port trust	879.04	767.187
3	2016-17	Kerala	Development of a Walkway/Promenade on Willingdon Island, Cochin, Kerala	Cochin Port Trust	901.00	826.59
4	2016-17	Kerala	Central Financial Assistance for upgrading of Births & Backup area of Ernakulam Wharf	Cochin Port Trust	2141.00	1912.80
5	2016-17	Maharashtra	Central Financial Assistance to Mumbai Port Trust for Development of Kanoji Angre Lighthouse as a tourist Destination	Mumbai Port trust	1500.00	1500.00
6	2017-18	Maharashtra	Up-gradation/modernization to International Cruise terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai.	Mumbai Port Trust	1250.00	1250.00
7	2018-19	Goa	Improvement of immigration facility and deepening of existing cruise berth at Mormugao	Mormugao Port trust	1316.40	658.20
8	2018-19	Kerala	Developing infrastructure at Cochin Port Cruise Terminal.	Cochin Port Trust	120.79	114.17
9	2018-19	Kerala	Creation of additional tourism facilities at the Cochin north Trust Walkway	Cochin Port Trust	466.47	466.47
10	2018-19	Andhra Pradesh	Construction of Cruise Berth at Channel Berth in outer Harbour of patnam Port	Visakhapatnam Port Trust	3850.00	2991.00
11	2019-20	Kerala	CFA for Development of Additional infrastructure in the new Cochin Port Trust Terminal	Cochin Port Trust	1029.70	888.62
12	2019-20	Uttar Pradesh (Varanasi & Allahabad-I, Allahabad-	CFA for Development of Jetties at nine (09) main points of embarkation/disembarkation of River Cruise on National Water	IWAI	2803.05	700.76

		II), Bihar (Bhagalpur), West Bengal (Kolkata) & Assam (Neamati, Pandu, Jogighopa & Biswanathgh at)	ways No. 1& 2 Ministry of Tourism accorded approval for continuation of the development of 4 nos jetties in NW-2 (Brahmaputra)			
13	2021-22	Goa	Creation of facilities for International and Domestic Cruise Vessels at Mormugao Port, Goa by Mormugao Port Trust (MPT)	Mormugao Port Trust	5000.00	4000.00
14	2021-22	Maharashtra	Upgradation/Modernization to International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai Port Trust	Mumbai Port Trust	3750.00	3600.00

List of Projects Sanctioned for Coastal Circuit and Cruise Project under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

COASTAL CIRCUIT

(Amount in ₹ crore)

S. No.	Name of State	Year	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Andhra Pradesh	(2014-15)	Development of Circuit at Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam - Kotipally	67.83	67.83
2.	Andhra Pradesh	(2015-16)	Development of Nellore, Pulikat Lake, Ubbalamadugu water falls, Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary, Mypadu Beach, Ramatheertham	49.55	49.55
3.	Puducherry	(2015-16)	Development of Dubrayapet – Arikamedu – Veerampattinam – Chunnambar - Nallavadu/Narambai - Manapet- Kalapet - Puducherry - Yanam	58.44	58.44
4.	West Bengal	(2015-16)	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj-Bakhlai-Henry Island	67.99	65.07
5.	Maharashtra	(2015-16)	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit (Shiroda Beach, Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Devgad (Fort & Beach), Mitbhav, Tondavali, Mocehmad and Nivati Fort).	19.06	18.10
6.	Goa	(2016-17)	Development of Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail.	97.65	97.65

7.	Odisha	(2016-17)	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara.	70.82	67.28
8.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	(2016-17)	Development of Long Island-Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair.	27.57	22.13
9.	Tamil Nadu	(2016-17)	Development of Chennai-Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Kulasekaranpattinam – Kanyakumari	73.13	71.03
10.	Goa	(2017-18)	Development of Rua De Orum Creek - Don Paula -Colva - Benaullim	99.35	99.35
			Total	631.39	616.43
