

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.227
ANSWERED ON 25.11.2024**

**PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM
THROUGH THEMATIC CIRCUITS**

227 SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Swadesh Darshana Scheme and the aim to promote sustainable tourism through thematic circuits across the country;**
- (b) the manner in which the States collaborating with the Ministry of Tourism to develop these circuits and the tangible outcomes that have been achieved in terms of infrastructure development, economic growth and preservation of local heritage;**
- (c) the details of the role of the private sector in this scheme;**
- (d) whether the initiative is helping rural and less-travelled regions gain recognition as tourism destinations, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the local communities has been benefiting, particularly in terms of employment and cultural pride, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism under its Central Sector scheme of 'Swadesh Darshan' complements tourism development efforts undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations by extending financial assistance in consultation with them. The Ministry as part of Swadesh Darshan scheme sanctioned 76 projects for Rs.5287.90 Crore in various themes including Rural Tourism, the details of which is at Annexure-I. The Ministry of Tourism has 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 & tourist-centric approach and has sanctioned 34 projects for Rs.793.20 Crore in the country, the details of which is at Annexure-II.

Swadesh Darshan scheme, tourism facilities are developed in various parts of the country including rural and lesser-known destinations.

The Ministry encourages State Governments and Union Territories to identify opportunities for Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) and to undertake operation and maintenance of the assets created under the scheme, with active involvement from the private sector. The States/UTs are also advised to ensure due consultation with the local communities in preparing the projects and emphasis is given on adoption of principles of sustainable tourism including environmental sustainability, Socio-cultural sustainability and economic sustainability so that the local communities can benefit in terms of employment and cultural pride.

ANNEXURE-I**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.227 ANSWERED ON 25.11.2024 REGARDING PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM THROUGH THEMATIC CIRCUITS RAISED BY SHRI ANURAG SHARMA.**

The list of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme is as under:

Amount in (₹ Crore)

S. No.	State/ UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Long Island- Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair	27.57
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2014-15	Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam - Kotipally	67.83
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake - Ubblamadugu Water Falls - Nelapattu- Kothakoduru- Mypadu - Ramateertham - Iskapalli	49.55
4.	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda - Amravati- Anupu	35.24
5.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit 2014-15	Development of Bhalukpong- Bomdila and Tawang	49.77
6.	Arunachal Pradesh	North East Circuit	Development of Nafra- Seppa- Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys- Sangdupota- New	96.72

		2015-16	Sagalee- Ziro- Yomcha	
7.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Manas- Probitora- Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa	94.68
8.	Assam	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tezpur - Majuli - Sibsagar	90.98
9.	Bihar	Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	33.96
10.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj - Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76
11.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	95.18
12.	Bihar	Rural Circuit 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.27
13.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	44.55
14.	Chhattisgarh	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Jashpur- Kunkuri- Mainpat- Kamleshpur - Maheshpur - Kurdar - Sarodhadadar- Gangrel- Kondagaon- Nathiyanawagaon- Jagdalpur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh	96.10
15.	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sinquerim- Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and	97.65

			Aguada Jail	
16.	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2017-18	Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek - Dona Paula -Colva - Benaulim	99.35
17.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahmedabad-Rajkot- Porbandar –Bardoli-Dandi	59.17
18.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vadnagar-Modhera	91.12
19.	Gujarat	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Junagadh-Gir Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch-Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	26.68
20.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra	77.39
21.	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra, Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba	68.34
22.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Jammu-Srinagar-Pahalgam-Bhagwati Nagar-Anantnag-Salamabad Uri-Kargil-Leh	77.33
23.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama.	81.60
24.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities - Construction of Assets in lieu of those Destroyed in Floods in 2014	90.43

			under PM Development Package	
25.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai and Sudhmahadev	91.99
26.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Anantnag-Pulwama-Kishtwar-Pahalgam-Zanskar Padum - Daksum - Ranjit Sagar Dam	86.39
27.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla- Kupwara- Kargil - Leh	91.84
28.	Jharkhand	Eco Circuit 2018-19	Development of Eco Tourism circuit: Dalma- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	30.44
29.	Kerala	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady	64.08
30.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam	46.54
31.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamura	78.08
32.	Kerala	Rural Circuit 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35
33.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania-	66.42

			Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam	
34.	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna- Mukundpur- Sanjay- Dubri-Bandhavgarh- Kanha- Mukki- Pench	92.10
35.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sanchi- Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar	74.02
36.	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu	89.82
37.	Madhya Pradesh	Eco Circuit 2017-18	Development of Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River	93.76
38.	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06
39.	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad	45.47
40.	Manipur	North-East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal- Khongjom	72.23
41.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri	45.34

			Kaina Temple	
42.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2016-17	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng-Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort	99.13
43.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- KremTirof – Khudoi & Kohmang Falls – Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmang- looksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)	84.97
44.	Mizoram	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek.	92.26
45.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit 2016-17	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl - Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Chatlang-Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang	66.37
46.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima- Wokha	97.36
47.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mokokchung-Tuensang-Mon	98.14
48.	Odisha	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82
49.	Puducherry	Coastal Circuit	Development of Dubrayapet – Arikamedu – Veerampattinam	58.44

		2015-16	Chunnambar - Nallavadu/Narambai - Manapet- Kalapet - Puducherry - Yanam	
50.	Puducherry	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Franco- Tamil Village, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam	49.44
51.	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Spiritual Circuit in Puducherry	34.96
52.	Punjab	Heritage Circuit 2018-19	Development of Anandpur Sahib - Fatehgarh Sahib - Chamkaur Sahib - Ferozpur - Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour - Patiala	85.32
53.	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations	50.01
54.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	75.80
55.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Spiritual Circuit– 'Development of Churu (Salasar Balaji)-Jaipur (Shri Samodke Balaji, Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) - Mehndipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)	87.05
56.	Rajasthan	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit Development of	70.61

		2017-18	Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort) - Jaipur (Facade Illumination in Jaipur and Nahargarh Fort) -Jhalawar (Gagron Fort) - Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) – Jaisalmer (Jaisalmer Fort) - Hanumangarh (Gogamedi) - Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra) - Dholpur (Bagh-I-Nilofor and Purani Chawani) - Nagaur (Meera Bai Smarak, Merta) - Tonk (Sunehri Kothi)	
57.	Sikkim	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit linking Rangpo (entry) – Rorathang- Aritar- Phadamchen- Nathang- Sherathang- Tsongmo- Gangtok-Phodong- Mangan- Lachung-Yumthang- Lachen- Thangu-Gurudongmer- Mangan- Gangtok- TuminLingee- Singtam (exit)	98.05
58.	Sikkim	North East Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam– Maka- Temi-BermoikTokel- Phongia- Namchi –Jorthang- Okharey- Sombaria- Daramdin- Jorethang- Melli (Exit)	95.32
59.	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of (Chennai- Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	73.13
60.	Telangana	Eco Circuit	Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar	91.62

		2015-16	district	
61.	Telangana	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram- Medavaram-Tadvai- Damaravi- Mallur-Bogatha Waterfalls	79.87
62.	Telangana	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb	96.90
63.	Tripura	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur-Tirthamukh- Mandirghat- Dumboor- NarikelKunja-Gandachara- Ambassa	82.85
64.	Tripura	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of Surma Cherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati - Bhunaneshwari- Neermahal-Boxanagar- Chottakhola-Pilak- Avangchaarra	44.83
65.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	87.89
66.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45
67.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh- Kausambi-Mirzapur-Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj-Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-Kairana- Baghpat-Shahjahanpur	71.91

68.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Bijnor-Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi	67.51
69.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mahuar shaheed Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)	36.65
70.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21
71.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri- Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja- Banda	12.03
72.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	18.30
73.	Uttarakhand	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, and Associated Tourism Related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri	69.17
74.	Uttarakhand	Heritage	Integrated Development of	76.32

		Circuit 2016-17	Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region - Katarmal - Jogeshwar-Baijnath-Devidhura	
75.	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur-Digha-Shankarpur-Tajpur-Mandarmani-Fraserganj-Bakhlai- Henry Island	67.99
76.	-	Wayside Amenities 2018-19	Development of Wayside Amenities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at Varanasi-Gaya; Kushinagar-Gaya- Kushinagar in collaboration with MoRTH	15.07
Total				5287.90

ANNEXURE-II**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.227 ANSWERED ON 25.11.2024 REGARDING PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM THROUGH THEMATIC CIRCUITS RAISED BY SHRI ANURAG SHARMA.**

List of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme of Ministry of Tourism is as under:

Amount in (₹ Crore)

S. No.	State	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost
1	Andhra Pradesh	Araku-Lambasingi	Borra Cave Experience at Araku	29.87
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Nacho	Unlock Nacho Expedition	14.02
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Mechuka	Mechuka Cultural Haat	18.48
4	Arunachal Pradesh	Mechuka	Mechuka Adventure Park	12.75
5	Assam	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar Wetland Experience	26.67
6	Assam	Jorhat	Reimagining Cinnamara Tea Estate	23.91
7	Goa	Porvorim	Porvorim Creek Experience	23.56
8	Goa	Colva	Colva Beach Experience	15.65
9	Karnataka	Hampi	Setting up of 'Traveller nooks'	26.30
10	Karnataka	Mysuru	Tonga ride Heritage experience zone	4.12
11	Karnataka	Mysuru	Ecological Experience Zone	18.36
12	Kerala	Kumarakom	Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary Experience	13.92
13	Ladakh	Leh	Julley Leh Biodiversity Park	24.89

14	Ladakh	Kargil	Exploring LOC and Hundarman village Experience	12.01
15	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Phoolbagh Experience Zone	16.73
16	Madhya Pradesh	Chitrakoot	Spiritual experience at Chitrakoot	27.21
17	Maharashtra	Pune	Shivrushti Historical Theme Park- Phase 3	76.22
18	Meghalaya	Sohra	Waterfall Trails Experience	27.84
19	Meghalaya	Sohra	Meghalayan Age Cave Experience	32.45
20	Nagaland	Chumoukedima	Eco-Tourism Exp at Chumoukedima viewpoint	7.87
21	Nagaland	Chumuoukedima	Tribal Cultural Experience at Midway Retreat	21.56
22	Puducherry	Karaikal	Karaikal beach and waterfront experience	20.29
23	Punjab	Kapurthala	Eco Tourism experience at Kanjli wetland	20.06
24	Punjab	Amritsar	Border Tourism Experience at Attari	25.90
25	Rajasthan	Bundi	Spiritual Experience, Keshavraipatan	17.37
26	Sikkim	Gyalshing	Eco-Wellness Experience at Yuksom Cluster	15.40
27	Sikkim	Gangtok	Gangtok Cultural Village	22.59
28	Tamil Nadu	Mamallapuram	Immersive experience at Shore Temple	30.02
29	Telangana	Bhongir	Bhongir Fort Experiential Zone	56.81
30	Telangana	Ananathagiri	Eco tourism zone at Ananathgiri forest	38.00

31	Uttar Pradesh	Prayagraj	Azad Park and Dekho Prayagraj Trail Exp	13.02
32	Uttar Pradesh	Naimisaranya	Vedic- wellness Experience	15.94
33	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh	Rural Tourism Cluster Experience at Gunji	32.20
34	Uttarakhand	Champawat	Tea Garden Experience	11.21
TOTAL				793.20
