

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1120
ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024**

PROMOTION OF GREEN AND ECO-TOURISM

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SHRI RAVINDRA DATTARAM WAIKAR:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any scheme to promote green and eco-tourism in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has carried out any assessment of the various tourist sites of Maharashtra State including Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (Aurangabad), Mumbai and Konkan region;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether any proposals have been received from the State Governments of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh in this regard and are pending with the Union Government;**
- (f) if so, the details thereof;**
- (g) the time by which decision in this regard is likely to be taken by the Government on the said proposals; and**
- (h) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (h): The Ministry of Tourism promotes India in a holistic manner, through various initiatives. As part of on-going activities; promotion of Ecotourism and Sustainable Tourism is also taken up. In order to provide impetus for development of Ecotourism and Sustainable Tourism in the country, Ministry of Tourism formulated National Strategies for Ecotourism and Sustainable Tourism and initiated Travel for LiFE programme to promote sustainable tourism in

the country and to encourage the tourists and tourism businesses to adopt sustainable tourism practices.

Tourism is primarily State Government subject. However, The Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for the development of tourism related infrastructure in the country under its schemes. The Ministry has identified Eco Circuit as one of the thematic circuits under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

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.

“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.

The list of projects sanctioned in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme is given at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) TO (h) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1120 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024 REGARDING PROMOTION OF GREEN AND ECO-TOURISM TOURISM BY SHRI BHUMARE SANDIPANRAO ASARAM, SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL, SHRI RAVINDRA DATTARAM WAIKAR.

PROJECTS SANCTIONED IN MADHYA PRADESH AND MAHARASHTRA UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME

(₹ in crore)

S. No.	State/ UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released*	Amount Utilised	Physical Status (%)	Implementing Agency
1.	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna-Mukundpur-Sanjay-Dubri-Bandhavgarh-Kanha-Mukki-Pench	92.10	86.31	86.31	Complete	Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation
2.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar	74.02	72.75	72.75	Complete	Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation

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3.	Madh ya Prade sh	Herit age Circu it 2016- 17	Develop ment of Gwalior – Orchha – Khajura ho – Chanderi – Bhimbet ka – Mandu	89.82	89.49	89.49	Com plet e	Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Develop ment Corporat ion
4.	Madh ya Prade sh	Eco Circu it 2017- 18	Develop ment of Gandhis agar Dam- Mandles hwar Dam- Omkare shwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansaga r Dam- Ken River	93.76	93.59	93.59	Com plet e	Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Develop ment Corporat ion
5.	Mahar ashtra	Coas tal	Develop ment of	19.06	18.10	17.61	Com plet	Maharas htra

		Circuit 2015-16	Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit – Sagareswar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav				e	Tourism Development Corporation
6.	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki-Adasa-Dhapewada-Paradsingha-Telankhandi-Girad	45.47	43.19	32.04	Complete	Nagpur Metropolitan Region Development Authority

List of destinations sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development scheme of Ministry of Tourism

S. No.	State	Destination	Category	Funding Amount (₹ Crore)
1.	Madhya Pradesh	Mandu	Culture & Heritage	25.00
2.	Madhya Pradesh	Orchha	Spiritual Tourism	25.00
3.	Maharashtra	Ahmednagar	Culture & Heritage	25.00

List of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme of Ministry of Tourism

S. No.	State	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost (₹ Crore)
1.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Phoolbagh Experience Zone	16.73
2.	Madhya Pradesh	Chitrakoot	Spiritual experience at Chitrakoot	27.21
3.	Maharashtra	Pune	Shivsrushti Historical Theme Park- Phase 3	76.22
