

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2111
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SHRI GURU DATTATREYA
BABA BUDAN SWAMY PEETHA/DARGAH**

2111. SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives and significance of revamped Swadesh Darshan Scheme 2.0;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance for the infrastructure development works at Sri Guru Dattatreya Baba Budan Swamy Peetha/Dargah, revered by both Hindus and Muslims, located in the Bababudangiri Hills, Chikmagalur District, Karnataka State under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme 2.0; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism has revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the vision and objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations and the key principles of the scheme include developing benchmark and standards for major tourism themes, sustainable and responsible tourism, destination and tourist centric approach, integrated development of tourism destination, focus on domestic tourism, operation and maintenance on sustainable basis etc. The projects under the scheme are sanctioned in line with scheme guidelines and in consultation with the concerned State Government. Presently, no such proposal is under consideration for development of Sri Guru Dattatreya Baba Budan Swamy Peetha/Dargah, Bababudangiri Hills, Chikmagalur District, Karnataka State under SD 2.0 Scheme as no proposal in the prescribed format has been received from the State Government under SD2.0 scheme. However, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned following projects in SD2.0 in Karnataka:

Year of Sanction	Project	Sanction amount (₹ In Crore)
2023-24	“Setting up of ‘Traveller nooks’” at Hampi	26.30
2023-24	“Tonga ride Heritage experience zone” at Mysuru	4.12
2023-24	“Ecological Experience Zone” at Mysuru	18.36
