

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2865**  
ANSWERED ON 19.12.2024

**SUSTAINABLE TOURISM IN GOA**

2865 SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:

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

- (a) initiatives taken by Government to promote sustainable tourism in Goa, while ensuring the preservation of its local culture and environment;
- (b) the funds allocated for tourism infrastructure development in Goa for the current fiscal year, and specific projects included in this allocation;
- (c) statistics on tourist arrivals in Goa, along with an assessment of their impact on local businesses and employment; and
- (d) measures being taken to promote Goa as an off-season tourism destination, in order to reduce the pressure on local infrastructure and resources during peak tourist seasons?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism promotes India in a holistic manner as a 365 days destination, through various initiatives. As part of on-going activities; promotion of sustainable tourism in all States/Union Territories, is also taken up. The Ministry of Tourism regularly promotes sustainable tourism through its website and social media promotions. The Ministry also promotes lesser known destinations through various initiatives including Dekho Apna Desh initiative, to diversify tourism.

Environmental Sustainability and Socio-Cultural Sustainability are two key pillars in the National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism formulated by the Ministry. In line with the strategy, Travel for LiFE programme has been initiated to promote sustainable tourism in the country and to encourage tourists and tourism businesses to adopt sustainable tourism practices.

The Swadesh Darshan Scheme of the Ministry has been revamped as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations following a tourist & destination centric approach. The Scheme encourages adoption of principles of sustainable tourism including environmental sustainability, socio-cultural sustainability and economic sustainability.

Central financial assistance is being extended according to guidelines and based on proposals/ detailed project reports received from the States and UT Governments. The details of funds allocated for tourism infrastructure in Goa are given at Annexure.

The details of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTV) to Goa during 2021-2023:

| Year | DTV (in Lakh) | FTV (in Lakh) |
|------|---------------|---------------|
| 2021 | 33.08         | 0.22          |
| 2022 | 70.12         | 1.75          |
| 2023 | 81.75         | 4.53          |

Source: Goa Tourism Department

No such study has been conducted by the Ministry of Tourism to assess their impact on local businesses and employment.

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STATEMENT IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2865 ANSWERED ON 19.12.2024 REGARDING SUSTAINABLE TOURISM IN GOA RAISED BY SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE

**List of projects in Goa under Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

|        |                         |   |                   |                  |                 | Rs. in crore        |
|--------|-------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| S. No. | Circuit / Sanction Year | Name of the Project   | Amount Sanctioned | Amount Released* | Amount Utilised | Physical Status (%) |
| 1.     | Coastal Circuit 2016-17 | Development of Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail | 97.65             | 97.65            | 92.76           | Complete            |
| 2.     | Coastal Circuit 2017-18 | Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek - Dona Paula -Colva - Benaulim     | 99.35             | 99.35            | 94.38           | Complete            |

**List of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme**

|        |                  |             |                           | Rs. in crore    |
|--------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| S. No. | Date of Sanction | Destination | Name of the Experience    | Sanctioned Cost |
| 1.     | 20-08-2024       | Porvorim    | Porvorim Creek Experience | 23.56           |
| 2.     | 20-08-2024       | Colva       | Colva Beach Experience    | 15.65           |

**List of destinations sanctioned under PRASHAD scheme**

|        |               |                                   | Rs. in crore  |
|--------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| S. No. | Sanction Year | Project Name                      | Approved Cost |
| 1.     | 2024-25       | Development of Bom Jesus Basilica | 16.46         |

**List of projects approved under Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investments (SASCI).**

|        |         |  |                                    |                                       | Rs. in crore |
|--------|---------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| S. No. | Year    | Project Name                               | Recommended by Ministry of Tourism | Approved by Department of Expenditure |              |
| 1.     | 2024-25 | Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaja Museum, Ponda | 97.46                              | 97.46                                 |              |
| 2.     | 2024-25 | Proposed Townsquare, Porvorim              | 90.74                              | 90.74                                 |              |

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