

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PUNE

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from Maharashtra for tourism development in Pune;
- (b) if so, the details and status of its evaluation;
- (c) the key components of the proposed plan and its impact on tourism and employment;
- (d) the steps being taken by the Ministry to support its implementation; and
- (e) whether a monitoring mechanism exists to ensure proper execution and quality of funded projects, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): Development of tourism destinations is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government/UT Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism through its 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' schemes complements these efforts by providing financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations for undertaking tourism related projects at various tourist places including in Pune.

The Ministry of Tourism recently revamped the Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations in the country. Under SD 2.0 Scheme a project 'Shivrushti Historical Theme Park- Phase 3' in Pune has been sanctioned for Rs.76.22 Crore. The components sanctioned in the project include Lohagad, Attraction Building, Tatbandi, Rain Harvesting, Sewer Treatment Plant and Souvenir Shops.

The SD 2.0 guidelines provides for regular evaluation and monitoring of the projects sanctioned under it on various parameters including impact on tourism and employment. Ministry of Tourism regularly undertakes review meetings with the State Governments at different levels to ensure successful implementation of the sanctioned projects. Further, funds are released in installments subject to threshold utilization of the previously released amount in the project.
