

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.155
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025**

PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN NASHIK UNDER SDS

155. SHRI RAJABHAU PARAG PRAKASH WAJE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government recognizes Nashik's cultural and spiritual significance and plans to develop a comprehensive cultural tourism under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) for places of importance in and around Nashik and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the funds likely to be allocated for the development of infrastructure, tourist facilities and amenities at these sites to enhance visitor experience and promote tourism;**
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment to evaluate the potential of Nashik as a major cultural tourism destination and if so, the details and outcomes of such assessments;**
- (d) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to involve local stakeholders and communities in promoting and managing this cultural circuit to ensure sustainable tourism development and preservation of Nashik's heritage; and**
- (e) the expected timeline for launching and completing this cultural circuit project?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): Development and promotion of tourist destinations including assessment to evaluate its potential is primarily undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)', Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0), 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)' – a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' is complementing the efforts of tourism infrastructure

development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations. The details of the projects sanctioned under above mentioned schemes in the State of Maharashtra including Nashik is annexed.

In the year 2024-25, the Ministry of Tourism issued operational guidelines for ‘Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale’(SASCI) scheme with the objective to comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding and marketing them at global scale. Under the said scheme, Government of India has sanctioned 40 projects in the country for Rs.3295.76 Crore including the project ‘Development of RAM-KAL PATH’ in Nashik, Maharashtra for ₹99.14 Crore. The projects under SASCI scheme have been identified based on the project proposals submitted by the concerned State Governments, its examination on the prescribed parameters and as per the institutional framework detailed in the scheme guidelines.

As per the contours of the scheme, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the projects is to be formulated by the concerned State Government after analysing all the relevant factors including management and operation plans. Further, the States are also required to undertake consultations with various stakeholders and local community representatives while preparing the DPRs. As per the sanction order issued in respect of SASCI scheme, the sanctioned projects are to be developed and completed within maximum of 2 years period whereas Government of India will release funds under this scheme up to 31st March, 2026.

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ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.155 ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025 REGARDING PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN NASHIK UNDER SDS RAISED BY SHRI RAJABHAU PARAG PRAKASH WAJE****(I) Detail of projects sanctioned under identified thematic circuits of Swadesh Darshan scheme in the state of Maharashtra**

S. No.	State/UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost (in ₹ crore)
1.	Maharashtra	Coastal Curcuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit – Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06
2.	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki-Adasa-Dhapewada-Paradsingha-Telankhandi-Girad	45.47

(II) List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD scheme in the state of Maharashtra:-

S. No	State/UT	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost (in ₹ crore)
1.	Maharashtra	Development of Trimbakeshwar, Nashik	2017-18	45.41

(iii) List of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 in the State of Maharashtra**(Amount in Crore)**

S. No	State/UT	Project Name	Sanction Year	Sanctioned Cost (in ₹ crore)
1.	Maharashtra	Shivrushti Historical Theme Park- Phase 3	2023-24	76.22

(iv) List of Projects sanctioned under CBDD, a sub scheme of SD 2.0 in the State of Maharashtra

(Amount in Crore)

S. No	State/UT	Year of Sanction	Name of Project	Sanctioned Cost (in ₹ crore)
1.	Maharashtra	2024-25	Development of Ahmednagar Fort	24.99
