

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.164
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025**

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM CIRCUIT FOR MURSHIDABAD

164. MD ABU TAHER KHAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make a tourism circuit for Murshidabad being a historical place;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to improve the transport system/connectivity to reach Murshidabad directly from rest of the country particularly Kolkata in less time comfortably?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products is primarily undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations including the State of West Bengal. Proposals for infrastructure improvement are considered based on the merit of the project, availability of funds, and adherence to the scheme guidelines. The details of projects sanctioned under the aforementioned schemes is annexed.

Ministry of Tourism continues to engage with other Ministries on last-mile connectivity and promote integrated development of tourist destinations.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.164 ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM CIRCUIT FOR MURSHIDABAD RAISED BY MD ABU TAHER KHAN.**

(i) Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of West Bengal is as under:

(Amount in ₹ crore)

Sl. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Coastal Circuit (2015-16)	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur-Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani-Fraserganj-Bakhlai- Henry Island	67.99

(ii). Project sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in the State of West Bengal is as under:

(Amount in ₹ crore)

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Sanction Year	Approved Cost
1.	Development of Belur Math	2016-17	30.03
