

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1431  
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025

**TOURISM PROJECTS UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN AND PRASHAD  
SCHEMES IN MAHARASHTRA**

1431 SMT. RAJANI ASHOKRAO PATIL:

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

- (a) the number of tourism infrastructure projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD, or other central schemes in Maharashtra during the last five years;
- (b) the current status of these projects completed, ongoing, or delayed with reasons for delay, if any;
- (c) the amount of central assistance disbursed and utilised under each scheme, district-wise in Maharashtra;
- (d) whether State Government has requested new projects for heritage circuits or eco-tourism; and
- (e) the details of steps Ministry is taking to promote lesser-known destinations in Maharashtra like Lonar, Sindhudurg, and Mangi-Tungi?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and tourism products 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, 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies (ACA) for Tourism Infrastructure Development' schemes complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments /Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies. Receipt of the project proposals from the State Governments/ UT Administrations under different schemes is an ongoing process. The projects are considered for sanctioning on receipt of the DPRs in line with the guidelines and other instructions issued in this regard, availability of the funds, prescribed parameters, inter-se priority etc.

In addition, Government of India under its initiative for 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI)' has also provided financial assistance to the States for development of tourism projects.

The Ministry of Tourism does not release district-wise funds in respect of sanctioned projects. The details of sanctioned projects under the SD2.0, CBDD, ACA and SASCI schemes in the last five years in the State of Maharashtra is annexed.

The Ministry of Tourism as part of its ongoing promotional activities regularly promotes various tourism destinations and products of the country including lesser known destinations of Maharashtra, in the international and domestic markets through social media, promotional websites, events etc.

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## ANNEXURE

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1431 ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025 REGARDING TOURISM PROJECTS UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN AND PRASHAD SCHEMES IN MAHARASHTRA RAISED BY SMT. RAJANI ASHOKRAO PATIL**

**Details of Project sanctioned in last five years under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in the State of Maharashtra:**

(Amount in ₹Crore)

| S. No. | Year of Sanction | Destination | Name of the Experience                    | Sanctioned Cost | Amount Authorized for utilization by State Implementing Agency | Physical completion status (ongoing/complete) |
|--------|------------------|-------------|---|-----------------|--|---|
| 1.     | 2023-24          | Pune        | Shivrushti Historical Theme Park- Phase 3 | 76.22           | 7.62   | ongoing                                       |

**Details of Project sanctioned in last five years under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme in the State of Maharashtra:**

(Amount in ₹Crore)

| S. No. | Year of Sanction | Name of the Project            | Sanctioned Cost | Amount Authorized for utilization by State Implementing Agency | Physical completion status (ongoing/complete) |
|--------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| 1.     | 2024-25          | Development of Ahmednagar Fort | 25.00           | 2.50   | ongoing                                       |

**Details of Projects sanctioned in last five years under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme in the State of Maharashtra:**

(Amount in ₹Crore)

| S. No. | Year of Sanction | Name of the Project  | Sanctioned Cost | Amount Released for Utilization | Physical completion status (ongoing/complete) |
|--------|------------------|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 1.     | 2024-25          | INS-Guldar Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef, and submarine Tourism in Sindhudurg | 46.91           | 30.96                           | ongoing                                       |
| 2.     | 2024-25          | Development of RAM-KAL PATH in Nashik  | 99.14           | 65.43                           | ongoing                                       |

**Details of Projects sanctioned in last five years under the Scheme Assistance to Central Agencies in the State of Maharashtra is as under:**

(Amount in ₹Lakh)

| S. No. | Name of Project | Agency | Sanction Date | Sanctioned Cost | Amount Released / Authorized | Amount Utilized | Physical completion status (ongoing / |
|--------|-----------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
|--------|-----------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|

|    |  |                      |            |      |      |      | <b>complete)</b> |
|----|--|----------------------|------------|------|------|------|------------------|
| 1. | Upgradation/<br>Modernization to<br>International Cruise<br>Terminal at Indira<br>Dock, Mumbai Port<br>Trust | Mumbai<br>Port Trust | 20-12-2021 | 3750 | 3000 | 3000 | ongoing          |

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