

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2217#
ANSWERED ON 07.08.2025

ECO-TOURISM IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

2217# MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to identify new centers for eco-tourism in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any efforts have been made by Government in collaboration with the local community for tourism development in Himachal Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of tourist destinations including development of new centres for eco-tourism 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 complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country, including eco-tourism destinations, by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations; subject to availability of funds, adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) by the State Government, its assessment etc.

Scheme guidelines for Swadesh Darshan 2.0 focus on development of sustainable tourism development and encourages the State Governments to undertake consultation with local communities and stakeholder while preparing the projects for development of destinations. It also focuses on capacity building among local communities and encourages local entrepreneurship.

Details of sanctioned projects under the SD, SD2.0 and CBDD schemes in the State of Himachal Pradesh is annexed.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2217# ANSWERED ON 07.08.2025 REGARDING ECO-TOURISM IN HIMACHAL PRADESH RAISED BY MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI

List of projects sanctioned in the State of Himachal Pradesh under Ministry of Tourism Schemes:-

S. No.	Name of the Project	Circuit/ Sanction Year	Sanctioned Amount (₹ in crore)
Swadesh Darshan			
1	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra, Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	68.34
Swadesh Darshan 2.0			
1	Development of Maa Chintpurni Devi Temple, Una	2024-25	56.26
CBDD			
1	Tourism Infrastructure Development at Kaza	2024-25	24.82
2	Tourism Infrastructure Development at Rakchham, Chhitkul	2024-25	4.96
