

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA  
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**SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME**

2222 SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

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

- (a) the details of the tourist circuits sanctioned and developed in Karnataka under the Swadesh Darshan scheme;
- (b) the total funds allocated and utilized for these circuits;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to develop a specific heritage circuit connecting the historical sites of Northern Karnataka, including Belgaum, Badami, Aihole and Pattadakal; and
- (d) the steps taken to promote these circuits in domestic and international markets?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): 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’ and ‘Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development 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 Governments etc.

Ministry of Tourism launched its ‘Swadesh Darshan scheme (SDS)’ in 2014-15 with the idea to develop tourism infrastructure under identified thematic tourism circuits in the country. The scheme was revamped as ‘Swadesh Darshan 2.0(SD2.0)’ with the aim to develop sustainable tourism destinations and the Ministry has sanctioned 3 projects under SD2.0 in Karnataka, as per the below given details:

S. No.	Name of the Project	Circuit/ Sanction Year	Sanctioned Amount (₹ in Crore)	Authorized for utilization (₹ in Crore)
1.	Setting up of ‘Traveller nooks’ at Hampi	2023-24	25.63	2.56
2.	Tonga ride Heritage experience zone at Mysuru	2023-24	2.71	0.27
3.	Ecological Experience Zone at Mysuru	2023-24	18.48	1.85

Details of the project sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism under PRASHAD scheme is as under:

S. No.	Name of the project	Year of sanction	Sanctioned Amount
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			<b>(₹ in Crore)</b>
1.	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple, Mysuru	2023-24	45.38
2.	Development of Renuka Yallama Devi temple	2024-25	18.37
3.	Development of Basic Amenities at Papnash Temple, Bidar dist.	2024-25	22.25

There is no project for the development of a specific heritage circuit connecting the historical sites of Northern Karnataka, including Belgaum, Badami, Aihole and Pattadakal presently enlisted for consideration by the Ministry of Tourism. However, Government of India under its initiative for 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI)' has provided financial assistance to the States for development of 40 tourism projects in the country, including 2 projects in the State of Karnataka, the details of which is as under:-

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Amount (₹ in Crore)</b>
1.	Ecotourism & Cultural Hub at Roerich and Devika Rani Estate Tataguni in Bengaluru	99.17
2.	Development of Savadatti Yallammagudda in Belgavi	100.00

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

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