

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.133
ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025**

ECO-TOURISM AND WILDLIFE TOURISM IN MAHARASHTRA

133. MS. PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the growing potential of eco-tourism and wildlife tourism in Maharashtra's protected forest areas;**
- (b) if so, the details of ongoing or proposed eco-tourism projects supported by the Government in coordination with the State Forest Department;**
- (c) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to ensure that tourism in these areas does not harm ecological balance and wildlife habitats;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the details of the funds sanctioned and utilized for eco-tourism infrastructure in Maharashtra during the last five years, district-wise?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, including eco-tourism and wildlife tourism is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration.

The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan, 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development 'extends financial assistance to the State Governments /UT Administrations for tourism infrastructure development in the country. The central financial assistance is being extended according to guidelines and based on proposals / detailed project reports received from the States and UT Governments. The details of projects sanctioned in the State of Maharashtra are given at Annexure-I.

The Swadesh Darshan Scheme of the Ministry has been revamped as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations following a tourist & destination centric approach.

Environmental Sustainability is a key pillar in the National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism formulated by the Ministry and circulated to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. In line with the strategy, Travel for LiFE programme was initiated to encourage tourists and tourism businesses to adopt sustainable tourism practices.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.133 ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025 REGARDING ECO-TOURISM AND WILDLIFE TOURISM IN MAHARASHTRA RAISED BY MS. PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE

The details of projects sanctioned in the State of Maharashtra:

S. No.	Name of Project	Sanction Cost (₹ Crore)
A	Swadesh Darshan 1.0	
i.	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagarashwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav (March 2016)	19.06
ii.	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad (May 2018)	45.47
	Total Sanction Cost	64.53
B	Swadesh Darshan 2.0	
i.	Shivrushti Historical Theme Park- Phase 3, Pune (Sep 2025)	76.22
	Total Sanction Cost	76.22
C	Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)	
i.	Development of Ahmednagar Fort (March 2025)	25.00
	Total Sanction Cost	25.00
D	PRASHAD	
i.	Development of Trimbakeshwar, Nashik (Jan 2018, rev Feb 2025)	45.41
	Total Sanction Cost	45.41
E	Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI)	
i.	RAM-KAL PATH, Nashik (Nov 2024)	99.14
ii.	Ex-INS Guldar Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef, and Submarine Tourism, Sindhudurg (Nov 2024)	46.91
	Total Sanction Cost	146.05
