

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.191
ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025**

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR

191. DR. KALYAN VAIJINATHRAO KALE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, an important historical, cultural and touristic centre of Maharashtra, lacks adequate infrastructure facilities for tourists, resulting in inconvenience to domestic and foreign visitors;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to prepare and implement a comprehensive plan for upgrading basic amenities such as clean drinking water, toilet and drainage systems, electricity, safe access roads, cooking and accommodation facilities and tourist information/guide centres at various sites under the control of the Archaeological Department; and**
- (c) whether, the Government proposes to take urgent steps in view of the forthcoming Mahakumbh Mela in Nashik in 2027 for the holistic development of tourist destinations in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar to cater to the expected rise in tourist footfall?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism recognizes the importance of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, as an important historical, cultural and touristic centre of Maharashtra. While development and promotion of tourism destinations and products including comprehensive planning for upgrading basic amenities at various tourist destinations is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments (SGs)/Union Territory Administrations (UTAs)/ concerned agency, the Ministry of Tourism through its schemes complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development and creating experiences by providing financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations. This assistance is provided on

receipt of the project proposals from the concerned SGs/UTAs/ concerned agency under the relevant schemes in synergy with the scheme guidelines, Government instructions, availability of funds etc.

The Ministry launched its Swadesh Darshan scheme in 2014-15 with the idea to develop tourism infrastructure under identified thematic circuits and sanctioned 76 projects in the country. The scheme has now been revamped as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations and the Ministry has sanctioned 53 projects under this initiative in the country. Further, Ministry has also sanctioned projects under ‘Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ and ‘Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)’, a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan scheme.

In addition, the Government of India under its ‘Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale’ sanctioned 40 projects in 23 States for Rs.3295.76 Crore in the country including one project in Nashik, Maharashtra, in Financial Year 2024-25, with the primary objective to comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding and marketing them at global scale.

While receiving and sanctioning of projects for tourism infrastructure development in the country under different schemes of the Ministry of Tourism is a continuous process, there is no new proposal presently under consideration of the Ministry for sanctioning of projects in Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar.

The details of the projects sanctioned under SD, SD2.0, PRASHAD, CBDD and SASCI schemes in Maharashtra is annexed.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.191 ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN CHHATRAPATI SAMBAHAJINAGAR RAISED BY DR. KALYAN VAIJINATHRAO KALE.****(i) Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Maharashtra:****(Amount in ₹Crore)**

S. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost
1.	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06
2.	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad	45.47

(ii) Details of Project sanctioned 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
1.	2023-24	Pune	Shivrushti Historical Theme Park- Phase 3	76.22

(iii) Details of Project sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme in the State of Maharashtra:**(Amount in ₹Crore)**

S.No.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Category	Sanctioned Cost
1.	2024-25	Development of Ahmednagar Fort	Culture & Heritage	25.00

(iv) Details of Project sanctioned 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
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1.	2024-25	INS-Guldar Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef, and submarine Tourism in Sindhudurg	46.91
2.	2024-25	Development of RAM-KAL PATH in Nashik	99.14

(v) Details of Project sanctioned under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme in the State of Maharashtra:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Sanction Amount
1.	Development of Trimbakeshwar, Nashik	2017-18	45.41
