

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.785
ANSWERED ON 05.02.2026

SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME

785 SHRI SANJAY SETH:

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

- (a) the details of progress of infrastructure development under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 and its impact on creating employment in tier-2 and tier-3 destinations till 2025;
- (b) the number of new tourism circuits that have been developed and the manner in which ancient heritage sites are being integrated with modern tourism infrastructure;
- (c) the details of increase in domestic and international tourist footfall under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 project destinations; and
- (d) the timeline for completing ongoing projects and the performance metrics to measure the scheme's success in revenue generation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Tourism through its various schemes of Destination Development including Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) scheme provides financial assistance to the State Governments(SGs)/UT Administrations (UTAs) for development of tourism infrastructure and experiences in the country including at tier II and tier III by extending financial assistance to the SGs/UTAs on receipt of the project proposals from them, in synergy with the scheme guidelines, Government directions, availability of funds, inter-se priority etc. Under SD2.0 scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 53 projects for Rs.2208.31 Crore till date. In addition, the Ministry under its 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)', an initiative under Swadesh Darshan scheme has also sanctioned 38 projects for Rs.697.94 Crore till date. Swadesh Darshan scheme is approved till March, 2026. Under SD2.0 scheme, financial assistance is provided by the Ministry of Tourism in the form of Grant-in-aid, whereas operation and management of the created projects and assets including revenue generation, is undertaken at the level of concerned State Government/UT Administration. Since the assets created through the schemes of the Ministry of Tourism are owned, operated and managed by the SGs/UTAs, the Ministry of Tourism has advised them to capture data related to footfall, revenue and employment.

List of projects sanctioned under SD2.0 and CBDD schemes in the country is **annexed**.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.785 ANSWERED ON 05.02.2026 REGARDING SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME RAISED BY SHRI SANJAY SETH

Details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 and CBDD schemes in the country:

List of sanctioned projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0:

S. No.	State	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Year	Sanctioned Cost (₹ Cr.)
1	Andhra Pradesh	Bapatala	Development of Suryalanka Beach Experience	2024-25	97.52
2	Andhra Pradesh	Araku-Lambasingi	Borra Cave Experience at Araku	2023-24	29.88
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Mechuka	Mechuka Cultural Haat	2023-24	18.48
4	Arunachal Pradesh	Mechuka	Mechuka Adventure Park	2023-24	12.75
5	Arunachal Pradesh	Nacho	Unlock Nacho Expedition	2023-24	14.02
6	Assam	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar Wetland Experience	2023-24 (Rev March 2025)	26.68
7	Assam	Jorhat	Reimagining Cinnamara Tea Estate	2023- 24 (Rev March 2025)	23.88
8	Bihar	Bodh Gaya	Development of the Buddhist Meditation & Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya	2024-25	165.44
9	Chhattisgarh	Kawardha	Bhoramdeo Corridor Development, Kawardha	2024-25	145.99
10	DNHDD	Daman	Daman Convention Centre	2024-25	147.13
11	Goa	Porvorim	Porvorim Creek Experience	2024-25	24.07
12	Goa	Colva	Colva Beach Experience	2024-25	19.89
13	Haryana	Panchkula	Development of Adventure Tourism Hub at Tikkar Taal and Adventure Park	2024-25	26.68
14	Haryana	Panchkula	Rejuvenation of Yadavindra Garden	2024-25	65.82
15	Himachal Pradesh	Chintpurni	Development of Maa Chintpurni Devi Temple, Una	2025-26	56.26
16	Karnataka	Mysuru	Ecological Experience Zone	2023-24	18.48
17	Karnataka	Mysuru	Tonga ride Heritage experience zone	2023-24 (Rev Jan 2025)	2.72

18	Karnataka	Hampi	Setting up of 'Traveller nooks'	2023-24 (Rev Jan 2025)	25.64
19	Kerala	Alappuzha	Alappuzha: A Global Water Wonderland	2024-25 (Rev Jan 2025)	93.18
20	Kerala	Malampuzha	Enhancement of Tourist Experience at Malampuzha Garden and Leisure Park	2024-25	75.87
21	Kerala	Kumarakom	Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary Experience	2023-24	13.81
22	Ladakh	Leh	Julley Leh Biodiversity Park	2023-24 (Rev May 2025)	23.17
23	Ladakh	Kargil	Exploring LOC & Hundarman village Exp	2023-24 (Rev May 2025)	11.91
24	Lakshadweep	Bangaram	Development of Eco-Retreat, Adventure, Beach and Mice Experience at Bangaram	2024-25	81.18
25	Madhya Pradesh	Chitrakoot	Spiritual experience at Chitrakoot	2023-24	27.22
26	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Phoolbagh Experience Zone	2023-24	16.74
27	Madhya Pradesh	Datia	Development of Pitambara Peeth Datia	2025-26	44.24
28	Maharashtra	Pune	Shivshruthi Theme Park	2024-25	76.22
29	Meghalaya	Sohra	Waterfall Trails Experience	2023-24 (Rev Sep 2025)	27.61
30	Meghalaya	Sohra	Meghalayan Age Cave Experience	2023-24	32.45
31	Mizoram	Champhai	Eco Resort Experience at Keilungliah, Zote, Ngur&Mualbuhvum, Champhai	2024-25	38.85
32	Mizoram	Champhai	Heritage and Cultural Centre, Champhai	2024-25	33.87
33	Mizoram	Aizawl	Construction of Conference Centre	2025-26	99.71
34	Nagaland	Chumoukedima	Adventure Tourism Experience at Jacob Village, Chumoukediema	2024-25	32.54
35	Nagaland	Chumoukedima	Eco-Tourism Exp at Chumoukedima viewpoint	2024-25	7.87
36	Nagaland	Chumoukedima	Tribal Cultural Experience at Midway Retreat	2023-24	21.57
37	Puducherry	Karaikal	Karaikal beach and waterfront experience	2023-24	20.30
38	Punjab	Amritsar	Border Tourism Experience at Attari	2024-25	25.91

39	Punjab	Kapurthala	Eco Tourism experience at Kanjli wetland	2023-24	20.06
40	Rajasthan	Sikar	Development works at Shri Khatu Shyam Ji Temple (Sikar)	2024-25	87.87
41	Rajasthan	Bundi	Spiritual Experience, Keshavraipatan	2023-24	21.65
42	Rajasthan	Bikaner dist.	Development Works at Shri Karni mata mandir, Bikaner	2025-26	22.58
43	Rajasthan	MalaseriDungari (District Bhilwara)	Development of MalaseriDungri, Bhilwara District	2025-26	48.73
44	Sikkim	Gyalshing	Eco-Wellness Experience at Yuksom Cluster	2023-24	15.41
45	Sikkim	Gangtok	Gangtok Cultural Village	2023-24	22.60
46	Tamil Nadu	Mamallapuram	Immersive experience at Shore Temple	2023-24 (Rev May 2025)	30.02
47	Telangana	Ananathagiri	Eco tourism zone at Ananathgiri forest	2023-24	38.00
48	Telangana	Bhongir	Bhongir Fort Experiential Zone	2023-24	56.82
49	Tripura	Agartala	Tripura Heritage Village & Sangeet Experience at Agartala (Phase-1 &2)	2024-25	48.95
50	Uttar Pradesh	Naimisaranya	Vedic- wellness Experience	2023-24 (Rev March 2025)	17.80
51	Uttar Pradesh	Prayagraj	Azad Park and Dekho Prayagraj Trail Experince	2023-24 (Rev March 2025)	14.52
52	Uttarakhand	Champawat	Tea Garden Experience	2023-24 (Rev March 2025)	19.89
53	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh	Rural Tourism Cluster Experience at Gunji	2023-24 (Rev March 2025)	17.86
Total					2208.31

List of projects sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan scheme:

S. No.	State	Destination/ Category	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Year	Sanctioned Cost (₹ Cr.)
1	Andhra Pradesh	Nagarjuna Sagar (Culture & Heritage)	Enriching Buddhist Heritage and Cultural Experiences at Nagarjuna Sagar	2024-25	25.00

2	Andhra Pradesh	Ahobilam Temple (Spiritual Tourism)	Development of Ahobilam as a Spiritual Odyssey	2024-25	24.99
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Kibitho (Vibrant Village Programme)	Kibhito Frontier Tourism - Gateway to Serenity	2024-25	4.96
4	Arunachal Pradesh	Bichom Dam Site (Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites)	Bichom Dam Adventure & Eco-Tourism Project	2024-25	9.90
5	Assam	Sivasagar (Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites)	Panidhing Bird Sanctuary	2024-25	9.99
6	Bihar	Saran Dist. (Sonapur Fair) (Culture & Heritage)	Development of Sonapur Fair Site	2024-25	24.29
7	Chhattisgarh	Mayali Bagicha (Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites)	Development of Mayali Bagicha as Eco Tourism Destination	2024-25	9.97
8	Goa	Mayem Village (Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites)	Beautification and Development of Harvalem Waterfall	2024-25	9.81
9	Gujarat	Vadnagar (Culture & Heritage)	Transformation of Sharmishtha Lake: Light & Culture	2024-25	17.29
10	Gujarat	Thol Village (Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites)	THOL: Transformative Tourism, Harmonious Sustainability, Optimized Skilling, Leading Technology	2024-25	9.96
11	Gujarat	Porbandar (Spiritual Tourism)	The Sacred Ocean Retreat at Harsiddhi Shore	2024-25	24.66
12	Himachal Pradesh	Kaza (Culture & Heritage)	Kaza under Culture & Heritage	2024-25	24.82
13	Himachal Pradesh	Rakchham (Vibrant Village Programme)	Tourism Infrastructure Development at Rakcham - Vibrant Village	2024-25	4.96
14	Jharkhand	Ramrekha Dham (Spiritual Tourism)	Tourism Infrastructure Development at Ramrekha Dham	2024-25	18.87
15	Karnataka	Bidar (Culture & Heritage)	Development of Bidar as a Heritage Tourism Destination	2025-26	25.00
16	Kerala	Varkala (Culture & Heritage)	Varkala-Dakshin Kashi	2024-25	25.00
17	Kerala	Thalassery (Spiritual Tourism)	Thalassery: The Spritual Nexus	2024-25	25.00
18	Ladakh	Mushkoo Village (Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites)	Advancing Mushkoo as a Sustainable Tourism Hub: Integrating Wildlife Sightings and Community Progress	2024-25 (Rev Dec 2025)	9.78

19	Madhya Pradesh	Orchha (Spiritual Tourism)	Orchha A Medieval Splendour 2.0	2024-25	25.00
20	Madhya Pradesh	Mandu (Culture & Heritage)	Mandu-A Medieval Wonder	2025-26	24.88
21	Maharashtra	Ahmednagar (Culture & Heritage)	Development of Ahmednagar Fort	2024-25	25.00
22	Manipur	LangthabalKonug , Imphal (Culture & Heritage)	Development of Ancient Capital of Manipur, LangthabalKonug	2024-25	24.69
23	Meghalaya	Nartiang Village (Spiritual Tourism)	Nartiang Spiritual & Cultural Centre	2024-25	24.87
24	Meghalaya	Mawphlang Village (Culture & Heritage)	Mawphlang Cultural & Heritage Centre	2024-25	24.87
25	Nagaland	Impur Village (Spiritual Tourism)	Soulful Trails: The Impur Heritage Experience	2024-25	24.94
26	Nagaland	Doyang Reservoir (Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites)	Wings Over Doyang: An Eco-Tourism Haven	2024-25	9.99
27	Puducherry	White Town (Culture & Heritage)	Development of White Town	2024-25	22.19
28	Punjab	Rupnagar (Anandpur Sahib) (Spiritual Tourism)	Heritage Street -A Symbol of Peace and Harmony at Sri Anandpur Sahib	2024-25	24.90
29	Punjab	Ferozpur (Hussainiwala Border) (Culture & Heritage)	Cultural and Heritage Strech at Hussainiwala Border	2024-25	25.00
30	Sikkim	Kabi (Spiritual Tourism)	Kabi Chronicles: A journey through Unity and Heritage	2024-25	24.96
31	Sikkim	Gnathang Village (Vibrant Village Programme)	Echoes of Valor: The Gnathang Valley Experience	2024-25	5.00
32	Tamil Nadu	Rameswaram Island (Spiritual Tourism)	Iconic transformation of Rameswaram	2024-25	20.01
33	Telangana	Nalgonda (Culture & Heritage)	Development of digital experience centre at Bhuddhavanam	2024-25	24.85
34	Telangana	Kamareddy (Kalki Cheruvu) (Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites)	Development of Eco-Tourism Project at Nizam Sagar	2024-25	9.98
35	Uttar Pradesh	Mahoba (Culture & Heritage)	Development of Cultural Landscape at Mahoba	2024-25	24.98
36	Uttarakhand	Jadung (Vibrant Village Programme)	Development of Jadung Festive Ground, Jadung	2024-25	4.99

37	Uttarakhand	Kainchidham (Spiritual Tourism)	Development of Kainchi Dham Campus	2024-25	17.60
38	Uttarakhand	Mana Village (Vibrant Village Programme)	Mana Haat	2024-25	4.99
Total					697.94
