

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3819
ANSWERED ON 03.04.2025

TRIBAL ENTREPRENEURS IN TOURISM SECTOR

3819 SMT. SULATA DEO:
SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

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

- (a) the details of schemes being implemented by the Ministry to promote and support tribal entrepreneurs in the tourism sector, especially in Schedule Five districts of the country;
- (b) whether the Ministry has any specific schemes for tribal entrepreneurs to develop eco-tourism projects, particularly on forest lease lands in Odisha's tourist destinations; and
- (c) whether any lease land has been provided to tribal entrepreneurs for developing eco-tourism in reserved forest areas, to create sustainable livelihoods for local tribal communities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism has no specific scheme for Tribal Entrepreneurs. However, the Government of India has approved the initiative to develop tribal homestays under Swadesh Darshan Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism as part of 'Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan'. The said intervention includes development of 1000 homestays with support of upto Rs.5.00 Lakh per unit for new construction, up to Rs.3.00 Lakh for renovation and Rs.5.00 Lakh for village community requirements.

Further, Ministry of Tourism extends financial support to State Governments and Union Territories for development of tourism under its schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' for Tourism Infrastructure Development. Tribal-circuit was identified as one of the theme for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme and the details of the projects sanctioned under Tribal Circuit of Swadesh Darshan is at Annexure-I.

Ministry has revamped Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations following a destination centric approach and has sanctioned 34 projects for Rs.791.25 Crore, including tribal experience. The details of projects sanctioned under SD2.0 scheme is at Annexure-II.

The responsibility of obtaining land for undertaking projects in Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD schemes is that of the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3819 ANSWERED ON 03.04.2025 REGARDING TRIBAL ENTREPRENEURS IN TOURISM SECTOR RAISED BY SMT. SULATA DEO AND SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI

List of projects sanctioned under the Tribal Circuit Theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme

S. No.	State/ UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (in ₹ Crore)
1.	Chhattisgarh	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Jashpur- Kunkuri- Mainpat- Kamleshpur - Maheshpur -Kurdar - Sarodhadadar- Gangrel- Kondagaon- Nathiyanawagaon- Jagdalpur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh	96.10
2.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima- Wokha	97.36
3.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mokokchung- Tuensang- Mon	98.14
4.	Telangana	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mulugu- Laknavaram- Medavaram- Tadvai- Damaravi- Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls	79.87

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List of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme

S. No.	State	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost (₹ Crore)	Year of Sanction
1	Andhra Pradesh	Araku-Lambasingi	Borra Cave Experience at Araku	29.87	2023-24
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Nacho	Unlock Nacho Expedition	14.02	2023-24
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Mechuka	Mechuka Cultural Haat	18.48	2023-24
4	Arunachal Pradesh	Mechuka	Mechuka Adventure Park	12.75	2023-24
5	Assam	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar Wetland Experience	26.67	2023-24
6	Assam	Jorhat	Reimagining Cinnamara Tea Estate	23.91	2023-24
7	Goa	Porvorim	Porvorim Creek Experience	23.56	2024-25
8	Goa	Colva	Colva Beach Experience	15.65	2024-25
9	Karnataka	Hampi	Setting up of 'Traveller nooks'	25.64	2023-24
10	Karnataka	Mysuru	Tonga ride Heritage experience zone	2.72	2023-24
11	Karnataka	Mysuru	Ecological Experience Zone	18.47	2023-24
12	Kerala	Kumarakom	Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary Experience	13.92	2023-24
13	Ladakh	Leh	JulleyLeh Biodiversity Park	24.89	2023-24
14	Ladakh	Kargil	Exploring LOC and Hundarman village Experience	12.01	2023-24
15	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Phoolbagh Experience Zone	16.73	2023-24
16	Madhya Pradesh	Chitrakoot	Spiritual experience at Chitrakoot	27.21	2023-24
17	Maharashtra	Pune	Shivrushti Historical Theme Park- Phase 3	76.22	2024-25
18	Meghalaya	Sohra	Waterfall Trails Experience	27.84	2023-24
19	Meghalaya	Sohra	Meghalayan Age Cave	32.45	2023-24

			Experience		
20	Nagaland	Chumoukedima	Eco-Tourism Exp at Chumoukedima viewpoint	7.87	2024-25
21	Nagaland	Chumuoukedima	Tribal Cultural Experience at Midway Retreat	21.56	2023-24
22	Puducherry	Karaikal	Karaikal beach and waterfront experience	20.29	2023-24
23	Punjab	Kapurthala	Eco Tourism experience at Kanjli wetland	20.06	2023-24
24	Punjab	Amritsar	Border Tourism Experience at Attari	25.90	2024-25
25	Rajasthan	Bundi	Spiritual Experience, Keshavraipatan	17.37	2023-24
26	Sikkim	Gyalshing	Eco-Wellness Experience at Yuksom Cluster	15.40	2023-24
27	Sikkim	Gangtok	Gangtok Cultural Village	22.59	2023-24
28	Tamil Nadu	Mamallapuram	Immersive experience at Shore Temple	30.02	2023-24
29	Telangana	Bhongir	Bhongir Fort Experiential Zone	56.81	2023-24
30	Telangana	Ananathagiri	Eco tourism zone at Ananathgiri forest	38.00	2023-24
31	Uttar Pradesh	Prayagraj	Azad Park and DekhoPrayagraj Trail Exp	13.02	2023-24
32	Uttar Pradesh	Naimisaranya	Vedic- wellness Experience	15.94	2023-24
33	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh	Rural Tourism Cluster Experience at Gunji	32.20	2023-24
34	Uttarakhand	Champawat	Tea Garden Experience	11.21	2023-24
TOTAL AMOUNT				791.25	
