

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
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SANCTIONING OF PROJECTS UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to sanction the Project "Dharmasthala-Kukke-Udupi-Murudeshwar-Gokarna-Kollur-Sringeri-Horanadu" under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 during the year 2025-26;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the objectives and details of projects sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Karnataka till date?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism revamped the Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop tourism destinations in the country. The details of the projects sanctioned under SD2.0 in the State of Karnataka is as under:

S. No.	Destination	Interventions Name	Cost (in ₹ crore)
1	Hampi	Setting up of 'Traveller nooks'	25.64
2	Mysuru	"Tonga ride Heritage experience zone"	2.72
3	Mysuru	"Ecological Experience Zone"	18.47

The projects under the Swadesh Darshan scheme are sanctioned in consultation with the concerned State Government / Union Territory Administrations, in synergy with the scheme guidelines and subject to availability of budget etc. As of now, there is no proposal to consider the project "Dharmasthala-Kukke-Udupi-Murudeshwar-Gokarna-Kollur-Sringeri-Horanadu" under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 during the year 2025-26. However, the Ministry of Tourism under its 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)' has identified Bidar (Culture & Heritage) and Udupi (Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites) in Karnataka for development.
