

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.453**  
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**INCLUSION OF MORE TOURIST DESTINATIONS  
UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME**

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

- (a) whether any proposals have been received for the inclusion of more tourist destinations including any coastal region from Maharashtra under Swadesh Darshan scheme, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the State-wise number of local communities that have benefitted from employment opportunities under this scheme in the last three years; and
- (c) the total private sector investment in tourism under this scheme in the last three years?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan scheme sanctioned 2 projects in the State of Maharashtra as per the details given below:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Year of sanction/ theme</b>	<b>Sanction amount (₹ In Crore)</b>
1	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagarshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	19.06
2	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	45.47

The Ministry revamped the Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop tourism destinations in the country and has sanctioned a project 'Shivrushti Historical Theme Park- Phase 3' for ₹76.22 Crore in 2024-25. In addition, the Ministry has also identified Ahmednagar (Culture & Heritage category) under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), a sub scheme of Swadesh Darshan scheme.

Further, the Government during the current financial year has sanctioned the following 2 projects under its 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' scheme in the State of Maharashtra, as per the details given below:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Sanction amount (₹ In Crore)</b>
1	INS-Guldar Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef, and submarine Tourism in Sindhudurg	46.91
2	Development of RAM-KAL PATH in Nashik	99.14

As of now, the Ministry has not undertaken any study under Swadesh Darshan scheme to maintain details of local communities benefitted from employment. However, an impact assessment study of Swadesh Darshan undertaken by National Productivity Council in July, 2019 mentions that the scheme has been able to provide a fillip livelihood opportunities and create employment for the local communities in construction phase.

While the scheme provides funding to the State Governments (SGs)/Union Territories Administrations (UTAs) for development of tourism amenities, the Ministry of Tourism is encouraging SGs/UTAs to undertake operation and management of assets created under the scheme by also involving private stakeholders. Further, the SGs/UTAs are encouraged to invite private investment at the destinations.

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