

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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CRUISE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ON THE KONKAN COAST

1116. SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL:

- (a) whether Government has identified the Konkan coast, including Raigad, Ratnagiri, and Sindhudurg, for domestic and international cruise tourism;
- (b) the projects/studies prepared in this regard by the Director General (Shipping) or Sagarmala Development Company, the details thereof;
- (c) the proposals and estimated budgets for developing cruise terminals/jetties at Mandla, Dighi, Dabhol, or Jaigad ports;
- (d) the details of coordination with the Ministry of Tourism and the Maharashtra Maritime Board for infrastructure and connectivity; and
- (e) the details of measures taken for environmental conservation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A Task Force has been formed by the Ministry of Tourism which is chaired by Secretary Tourism and Co-chaired by Secretary Shipping, for development of cruise tourism, where Tourism Secretary of Maharashtra is also a member.

The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments/ UT Administrations/ Central Government Agencies under Central Agencies Scheme & Swadesh Darshan Scheme for development of Tourism including Cruise Tourism and funding has been provided for 4 projects in Maharashtra. The details of projects where funding has been provided by MoT to Maharashtra is annexed.

(e) All proposals for grant of Environmental and CRZ Clearance are examined by Government of India (GoI), as per applicable law.

Annexure – Projects Funded in Maharashtra by Ministry of Tourism

A. Cruise Terminals and Related Infrastructure (Assistance to Central Agencies Scheme)

Sl. No.	Year	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned (₹ lakh)
1	2016–17	Development of Kanoji Angre Lighthouse as a tourist destination	1,500.00
2	2017–18	Upgradation/modernization - International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock	1,250.00
3	2021–22	Upgradation/modernization - International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock	3,750.00

B. Coastal Circuit Projects (Swadesh Darshan Scheme)

Sl. No.	Year	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned (₹ crore)
1	2015–16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit (Shiroda Beach, Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg, Devgad, Mitbhav, Tondavali, Mocehmad, Nivati Fort)	19.06
