

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO.57#**  
ANSWERED ON 23.07.2026

**SWADESH DARSHAN 2.0**

57# SHRI MAYANKKUMAR NAYAK:

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

- (a) the objectives and salient features of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme and the details of projects sanctioned and completed thereunder;
- (b) the steps taken for development of tourism infrastructure, including airports, last-mile connectivity and sustainable tourism practices; and
- (c) the impact of these initiatives on employment generation, the local economy and the overall growth of tourism sector in the country?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) to (C) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.57# ANSWERED ON 23.07.2026 REGARDING SWADESH DARSHAN 2.0 RAISED BY SHRI MAYANKKUMAR NAYAK**

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism has revamped the Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations in the country, following a destination and tourist centric approach. The scheme recognizes that sustainable and responsible tourism is the key and encourages adoption of principles of sustainable tourism including environmental, socio-cultural and economic sustainability.

Salient feature of Swadesh Darshan Scheme includes development of tourism experiences and amenities in the country, robust operation and management of tourism assets created through the scheme, resulting in employment generation and contribution to growth of tourism-related businesses etc.

Details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 is **Annexed**. All the projects sanctioned under SD2.0 are at various stages of implementation.

Effective and adequate connectivity is one of the important aspects of development of a tourist destination. Ministry of Tourism works closely with Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Ministry of Civil Aviation and other line Ministries to ensure improved connectivity including airports, last mile connectivity etc. to tourist destinations.

Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with Ministry of Civil Aviation under their Regional Connectivity Scheme- Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (RCS-UDAN) has identified 53 tourism routes for better air connectivity.

During the last seven years after commencement of the scheme, 637 RCS routes connecting 92 unserved and underserved airports (including 15 heliports & 02 water aerodromes) have been operationalised till date. Total domestic passengers travelled through RCS-UDAN are more than 154 lakhs connecting 3,17,000 RCS flights till date. The Viability Gap Funding (VGF) disbursed RACFT to Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) is Rs.4087 Cr.

Inspired by the success, Union Cabinet has approved the Modified Regional Connectivity Scheme-UDAN for the period FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36 with a total outlay of ₹28,840 crore. The

Scheme envisages development of 100 airports from existing unserved airstrips, operational support for regional aerodromes, development of 200 modern helipads in hilly, remote, island and aspirational regions, and continued Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for regional air routes. The Scheme is expected to strengthen regional connectivity, improve last-mile access to tourist destinations, particularly in underserved areas, and boost tourism, trade and economic development across the country.

Swadesh Darshan Scheme further encourages State Governments/UT Administrations to undertake due consultations with local communities and stakeholders, use of renewable energy, eco-friendly materials, adopt sustainable tourism practices, development of accessible infrastructure and services, focus on capacity building, local entrepreneurship etc.

The scheme envisages to have a significant positive impact on multiple facets of tourism development in the country, including Tourism Growth, Boost to Local Economies, Infrastructure Creation, Employment Generation and Promotion of Tourism.

Further, The Ministry of Tourism has formulated a National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and the following strategic pillars have been identified for development of sustainable tourism:

- i. Promoting Environmental Sustainability
- ii. Protecting Biodiversity
- iii. Promoting Economic Sustainability
- iv. Promoting Socio-Cultural Sustainability
- v. Scheme for Certification of Sustainable Tourism
- vi. IEC and Capacity Building Governance

The Ministry has also launched the Travel for LiFE initiative to promote sustainable tourism across the country and to encourage tourists as well as tourism businesses to adopt sustainable practices to preserve local culture, environment and heritage.

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## ANNEXURE

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) to (C) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.57# ANSWERED ON 23.07.2026 REGARDING SWADESH DARSHAN 2.0 RAISED BY SHRI MAYANKKUMAR NAYAK**

List of sanctioned projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 as on 30.06.2026.

(in ₹ Crore)

| S. No. | State             | Destination      | Name of the Experience                                                | Sanction Date | Sanctioned Cost | Withdrawal limit assigned to Implementing Agency |
|--------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1      | Andhra Pradesh    | Bapatla          | Development of Suryalanka Beach Experience                            | 29.03.2025    | 97.52           | 48.76                                            |
| 2      | Andhra Pradesh    | Araku-Lambasingi | Borra Cave Experience at Araku                                        | 05.03.2024    | 29.88           | 14.94                                            |
| 3      | Arunachal Pradesh | Mechuka          | Mechuka Cultural Haat                                                 | 05.03.2024    | 18.48           | 9.24                                             |
| 4      | Arunachal Pradesh | Mechuka          | Mechuka Adventure Park                                                | 05.03.2024    | 12.75           | 6.38                                             |
| 5      | Arunachal Pradesh | Nacho            | Unlock Nacho Expedition                                               | 05.03.2024    | 14.02           | 7.01                                             |
| 6      | Assam             | Kokrajhar        | Kokrajhar Wetland Experience                                          | 05.03.2024    | 26.68           | 13.34                                            |
| 7      | Assam             | Jorhat           | Reimagining Cinnamara Tea Estate                                      | 05.03.2024    | 23.88           | 11.94                                            |
| 8      | Bihar             | Bodh Gaya        | Development of the Buddhist Meditation & Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya | 29.03.2025    | 165.44          | 16.54                                            |
| 9      | Chhattisgarh      | Kawardha         | Bhoramdeo Corridor Development, Kawardha                              | 29.03.2025    | 146.00          | 14.60                                            |
| 10     | DNHDD             | Daman            | Daman Convention Centre                                               | 29.03.2025    | 147.13          | -                                                |
| 11     | Goa               | Porvorim         | Porvorim Creek Experience                                             | 20.08.2024    | 24.07           | 12.04                                            |
| 12     | Goa               | Colva            | Colva Beach Experience                                                | 20.08.2024    | 19.89           | 9.95                                             |
| 13     | Haryana           | Panchkula        | Development of Adventure Tourism Hub at Tikkar Taal and               | 29.03.2025    | 26.68           | 2.67                                             |

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|----|------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|
|    |                  |            | Adventure Park                                                               |            |       |       |
| 14 | Haryana          | Panchkula  | Rejuvenation of Yadavindra Garden                                            | 29.03.2025 | 65.82 | 6.58  |
| 15 | Himachal Pradesh | Chintpurni | Development of Maa Chintpurni Devi Temple, Una                               | 04.07.2025 | 56.26 | 5.63  |
| 16 | Karnataka        | Mysuru     | Ecological Experience Zone                                                   | 05.03.2024 | 18.48 | 1.85  |
| 17 | Karnataka        | Mysuru     | Tonga ride Heritage experience zone                                          | 29.02.2024 | 2.72  | 0.27  |
| 18 | Karnataka        | Hampi      | Setting up of 'Traveller nooks'                                              | 29.02.2024 | 25.64 | 2.56  |
| 19 | Kerala           | Alappuzha  | Alappuzha: A Global Water Wonderland                                         | 29.03.2025 | 93.18 | 46.59 |
| 20 | Kerala           | Malampuzha | Enhancement of Tourist Experience at Malampuzha Garden and Leisure Park      | 29.03.2025 | 75.87 | 37.94 |
| 21 | Kerala           | Kumarakom  | Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary Experience                                          | 05.03.2024 | 13.81 | 6.91  |
| 22 | Ladakh           | Leh        | Julley Leh Biodiversity Park                                                 | 05.03.2024 | 23.17 | 2.32  |
| 23 | Ladakh           | Kargil     | Exploring LOC & Hundarman village Exp                                        | 05.03.2024 | 11.91 | 5.96  |
| 24 | Lakshadweep      | Bangaram   | Development of Eco-Retreat, Adventure, Beach and Mice Experience at Bangaram | 29.03.2025 | 81.18 | 8.12  |
| 25 | Madhya Pradesh   | Chitrakoot | Spiritual experience at Chitrakoot                                           | 05.03.2024 | 27.22 | 13.61 |
| 26 | Madhya Pradesh   | Gwalior    | Phoolbagh Experience Zone                                                    | 29.02.2024 | 16.74 | 8.37  |
| 27 | Madhya Pradesh   | Datia      | Development of Pitambara Peeth Datia                                         | 14.07.2025 | 44.24 | 22.12 |
| 28 | Maharashtra      | Pune       | Shivshruthi Theme Park                                                       | 21.09.2024 | 75.47 | 37.74 |
| 29 | Meghalaya        | Sohra      | Waterfall Trails Experience                                                  | 05.03.2024 | 27.61 | 13.81 |
| 30 | Meghalaya        | Sohra      | Meghalayan Age Cave Experience                                               | 04.03.2024 | 32.45 | 16.23 |

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| 31 | Mizoram    | Champhai                             | Eco Resort Experience at Keilungliah, Zote, Ngur & Mualbuhvum, Champhai | 29.03.2025 | 38.85 | 19.43 |
| 32 | Mizoram    | Champhai                             | Heritage and Cultural Centre, Champhai                                  | 29.03.2025 | 33.87 | 16.94 |
| 33 | Mizoram    | Aizawl                               | Construction of Conference Centre                                       | 10.11.2025 | 99.71 | 49.86 |
| 34 | Nagaland   | Chumoukedima                         | Adventure Tourism Experience at Jacob Village, Chumoukediema            | 29.03.2025 | 32.54 | 16.27 |
| 35 | Nagaland   | Chumoukedima                         | Eco-Tourism Exp at Chumoukedima viewpoint                               | 20.08.2024 | 7.87  | 3.94  |
| 36 | Nagaland   | Chumoukedima                         | Tribal Cultural Experience at Midway Retreat                            | 05.03.2024 | 21.57 | 10.79 |
| 37 | Puducherry | Karaikal                             | Karaikal beach and waterfront experience                                | 05.03.2024 | 20.3  | -     |
| 38 | Punjab     | Amritsar                             | Border Tourism Experience at Attari                                     | 20.08.2024 | 25.91 | 2.59  |
| 39 | Punjab     | Kapurthala                           | Eco Tourism experience at Kanjli wetland                                | 05.03.2024 | 19.56 | 1.96  |
| 40 | Rajasthan  | Sikar                                | Development works at Shri Khatu Shyam Ji Temple (Sikar)                 | 29.03.2025 | 87.87 | 8.79  |
| 41 | Rajasthan  | Bundi                                | Spiritual Experience, Keshavraipatan                                    | 29.02.2024 | 21.65 | 2.17  |
| 42 | Rajasthan  | Bikaner dist.                        | Development Works at Shri Karni mata mandir, Bikaner                    | 14.07.2025 | 22.58 | 11.29 |
| 43 | Rajasthan  | Malaseri Dungari (District Bhilwara) | Development of Malaseri Dungri, Bhilwara District                       | 14.07.2025 | 48.73 | 24.37 |
| 44 | Sikkim     | Gyalshing                            | Eco-Wellness Experience at Yuksom Cluster                               | 05.03.2024 | 15.41 | 7.71  |
| 45 | Sikkim     | Gangtok                              | Gangtok Cultural Village                                                | 29.02.2024 | 22.60 | 11.30 |
| 46 | Tamil Nadu | Mamallapuram                         | Immersive experience at Shore Temple                                    | 29.02.2024 | 30.02 | -     |

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| 47           | Telangana     | Ananathagiri | Eco tourism zone at Ananathgiri forest                                 | 05.03.2024 | 38.01          | 19.01         |
| 48           | Telangana     | Bhongir      | Bhongir Fort Experiential Zone                                         | 29.02.2024 | 56.82          | 5.68          |
| 49           | Tripura       | Agartala     | Tripura Heritage Village & Sangeet Experience at Agartala (Phase-1 &2) | 29.03.2025 | 48.95          | 24.48         |
| 50           | Uttar Pradesh | Naimisaranya | Vedic wellness Experience                                              | 05.03.2024 | 17.8           | -             |
| 51           | Uttar Pradesh | Prayagraj    | Azad Park and Dekho Prayagraj Trail Experience                         | 05.03.2024 | 14.52          | 1.45          |
| 52           | Uttarakhand   | Champawat    | Tea Garden Experience                                                  | 05.03.2024 | 19.89          | 1.99          |
| 53           | Uttarakhand   | Pithoragarh  | Rural Tourism Cluster Experience at Gunji                              | 05.03.2024 | 17.86          | 1.79          |
| <b>Total</b> |               |              |                                                                        |            | <b>2207.08</b> | <b>645.72</b> |

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