

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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LIGHTHOUSE TOURISM AND MARITIME HERITAGE

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Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of measures taken by the Government to develop lighthouses as tourist destinations;
- (b) the details of facilities developed at existing lighthouses under the lighthouse tourism initiative;
- (c) the details of legislative framework available to support lighthouse tourism and heritage conservation in the country; and
- (d) the details of initiatives proposed under the development of lighthouse tourism circuits to promote regional tourism and economic development?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Lighthouses primarily serve as Marine Aids to Navigation for ensuring safe and efficient maritime navigation. In addition to this core function, the Government is actively promoting Lighthouse Tourism which is in line with its vision of preserving India's maritime heritage and promoting educational, cultural and tourism purposes under Section 23 of the Marine Aids to Navigation Act, 2021.

As part of this initiative, Lighthouse Museums have been established at Chennai, Mahabalipuram, Alappuzha, Kannur, Muttom, Dwarka and Gopnath to showcase the evolution of lighthouse technology and India's maritime heritage. Under this initiative, tourism facilities have been developed at 75 lighthouses across the country as part of the Government's vision to preserve their historical and architectural significance. Tourist facilities such as cafeterias, landscaped gardens, gazebos, children's play areas, light and sound show, internal pathways, public toilet blocks, drinking water facilities, amphitheatres and lifts have been developed at identified lighthouses. List of lighthouses with tourism facilities is attached as **Annexure**.

Annexure**State-wise list of 75 Lighthouses developed for tourism purposes**

S. No.	State/ UT	Name of Lighthouse
1	Gujarat	Mandvi Lighthouse, Rawalpir Lighthouse, Samiyani Lighthouse, Okha Lighthouse, Kachchhigadh Lighthouse, Porbandar Lighthouse, Mangrol Lighthouse, Jaffrabad Lighthouse, Jegri Lighthouse, Alang Lighthouse, Ghogha Lighthouse, Hazira Lighthouse, Valsad Khadi Lighthouse, Gopnath Lighthouse, Veraval Lighthouse, Dwarka Lighthouse, Umargaon Lighthouse.
2	Goa	Aguada Lighthouse,
3	Karnataka	Tadri Lighthouse, Bhatkal Lighthouse, Kaup Lighthouse, Surathkal Lighthouse, Kundapur Lighthouse.
4	Kerala	Kannur Lighthouse, Ponnani Lighthouse, Chetwai Lighthouse, Vypin Lighthouse, Alappuzha Lighthouse, Valiyazhikal Lighthouse, Thangasseri Lighthouse, Anjengo Lighthouse, Vizhinjam Lighthouse, Azhikode Lighthouse, Kadalur Point Lighthouse.
5	Tamil Nadu	Kanniyakumari Lighthouse, Kuthenkuli Lighthouse, Manappad Lighthouse, Kilakkarai Lighthouse, Dhanushkodi Lighthouse, Pamban Lighthouse, Karaikal Lighthouse, Mallipattinam Lighthouse, Kodikkarai Lighthouse, Nagapattinam Lighthouse, Poompuhar Lighthouse, Pulicat Lighthouse, Muttom Point Lighthouse, Mahabalipuram Lighthouse, Chennai Lighthouse.
6	Andhra Pradesh	Ramayapatnam Lighthouse, Machilipatnam Lighthouse, Antervedi Lighthouse, Sacramento Lighthouse, Vakalapudi Lighthouse, Santapalli Lighthouse, Kalingapatnam Lighthouse, Baruva Lighthouse, Vodarevu Lighthouse, Pudimadaka Lighthouse.
7	Odisha	Gopalpur Lighthouse, Puri Lighthouse, Chandrabhaga Lighthouse, Paradip Lighthouse, False Point Lighthouse
8	West Bengal	Tajpur Lighthouse, Dariapur Lighthouse, Sagar Island Lighthouse
9	Maharashtra	Uttan Point Lighthouse, Korlai Fort Lighthouse, Jaigarh Lighthouse, Ratnagiri Lighthouse, Vengurla Point Lighthouse, Kelshi Lighthouse
10	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	North Point Lighthouse, Keating Point Lighthouse.
