

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 656
ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023**

DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL AND RURAL CIRCUITS UNDER SDS

**656. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI SELVAM G:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is progressing with Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) for boosting tourism sector and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has collaborated/proposes to collaborate with some Non-Governmental players to promote SDS and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (c) the manner and extent to which such collaboration will help to improve the tourism in the country;**
- (d) whether the Government has taken steps for development of tribal and rural circuits under the SDS and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government has received proposal from the State Government of Tamil Nadu for the development of Tourism Circuits and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Union Government thereto; and**
- (f) whether all the identified Tourism circuits have been made operational and if so, the details thereof including the number of tourists participated in each circuit under the said scheme?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism launched the Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) for integrated development of theme based tourist circuits in the country in 2014-15 with the objective to develop tourism infrastructure. A total of 76 projects have been sanctioned in various States/UT Administration under this scheme. Now, the Ministry

of Tourism has revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) for development of sustainable and responsible tourist destinations. The objective for the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme envisage increase in private sector investment in tourism & hospitality. It may help in increasing Public Private Partnerships (PPP) in the field of tourism and operation and maintenance of the created assets under the scheme.

(d): The Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan scheme has sanctioned 4 projects under Tribal Theme and 2 projects under Rural Theme in the country, the detail of which is annexed.

(e): The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned ₹73.13 crore for the project Development of (Chennai- Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari) in Tamil Nadu in the year 2016-17 under Coastal Circuit theme of its Swadesh Darshan scheme. An amount of ₹69.48 crore has been released and the project is physically complete. The Ministry of Tourism has identified ‘Mamallapuram’ and ‘The Nilgiris’ as destinations for development under SD2.0 scheme.

(f): Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme is the responsibility of the respective State Government/UT Administration. The Ministry of Tourism does not maintain circuit-wide data for the number of tourists participated in each circuit.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.656 ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL AND RURAL CIRCUITS UNDER SDS****(A) DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER TRIBAL CIRCUIT OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.****(Amt. in crore)**

Sl. No.	State/UT	Year	Name of the Project/ Year of Sanction	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	Nagaland	(2015-16)	Development of Circuit at Peren-Kohima- Wokha	97.36
2.	Chhattisgarh	(2015-16)	Development of Jashpur-Kunkuri- Mainpat- Ambikapur- Maheshpur -Ratanpur- Kurdar- Sarodadadar- Gangrel- Kondagaon- NathiyaNawagaon- Jagdalpur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh.	96.10
3.	Telangana	(2016-17)	Development of Mulugu- Laknavaram- Medavaram- Tadvai- Damaravi- Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls.	79.87
4.	Nagaland	(2016-17)	Development of Mokokchung- Tuensang-Mon	98.14

(B) DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER RURAL CIRCUIT OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.**(Amt. in crore)**

S.No.	Name of State	Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	Bihar	(2017-18)	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.27
2.	Kerala	(2018-19)	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	80.37
