

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2921
ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023**

TOURISM POTENTIAL IN MAHARASHTRA

2921. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the tourism potential in Maharashtra as the State is blessed with tourist attractions, beaches, wildlife, heritage sites, historical sites, historical places and temples;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote tourism in Maharashtra?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Identification and development of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism, inter-alia, promotes the tourist attraction of India including those of Maharashtra by highlighting the different thematic tourism products through its official website as well as through the social media handles of the Ministry. The significant tourist destinations of the State are also amplified through the different promotional materials, films and other collaterals developed by the Ministry.

Further, for the development of tourism infrastructure in the country, the Ministry of Tourism under the Schemes of “Swadesh Darshan”, “National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)” and ‘Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development’ provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory

Administrations/Central Agencies for the development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities at various tourism destinations in the country including Maharashtra. The details of projects sanctioned and funds allocated under the above mentioned Schemes in the State of Maharashtra is given at Annexure.

Under Swadesh Darshan 2.0, Sindhudurg has been identified as a destination for development.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2921 ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023 REGARDING TOURISM POTENTIAL IN MAHARASHTRA.****Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1.	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06	18.11
2.	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad	53.96	32.04

PRASHAD Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released
1.	Maharashtra	Development of Trimbakeshwar, Nashik	2017-18	52.92	29.85

Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Name of Projects	Central Agency	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
Year 2014-15					
1.	Multiple States	Manufacture of Glass Top Coaches: Qazigund and	M/o Railways	12.00	12.00

		Baramullah, Jammu & Kashmir Vizag-Arakku Valley Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh Dadar-Madgaon Route (Mumbai to Goa)			
Year 2016-17					
2.	Maharashtra	Central Financial Assistance to Mumbai Port Trust for Development of KanojiAngre Lighthouse as a tourist Destination	Mumbai Port Trust	15.00	15.00
3.	Maharashtra	Joint Development of Nanded Railway Station	M/o Railways	5.18	2.59
Year 2017-18					
4.	Maharashtra	Up-gradation/modernization to International Cruise terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai.	Mumbai Port Trust	12.50	12.50
5.	Maharashtra	Joint Development of Aurangabad Railway Station	M/o Railways	5.71	2.85
Year 2021-22					
6.	Maharashtra	Upgradation/Modernisation to International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai Port Trust	Mumbai Port Trust	37.50	30.00
