

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.690  
ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023**

**PROMOTION OF CRUISE TOURISM**

**690. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to collaborate with international cruise companies in order to promote cruise tourism in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the steps taken for promotion and development of river cruise in the country?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a) to (c): To position India as a preferred destination for cruise tourism globally, Ministry of Tourism has drafted a National Strategy for Cruise Tourism. Following strategic pillars have been identified in the strategy document for infrastructure & circuit enablement, market development and skill development:**

- (i) Infrastructure & Circuit Enablement**
- (ii) Market Development**
- (iii) Ease of doing Business for Cruise Tourism**
- (iv) Integrated Tourism around Cruise Terminals**
- (v) Facilitating and Promoting Investment in Cruise Tourism**
- (vi) Skill Development for Cruise Tourism**
- (vii) Institutional Structure and Governance**

**Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to States/UTs and Central Agencies for tourism infrastructure development under its different schemes. The list of projects sanctioned under Coastal Circuit and Cruise Project under Swadesh Darshan Scheme is given at Annexure-I.**

**The details of projects sanctioned for infrastructure development at Ports and Waterways under the scheme of Assistance to Central Agencies is given at Annexure-II.**

**Ministry of Tourism partnered with Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways during the 1<sup>st</sup> Incredible India International Cruise Conference. The conference showcased abundant business opportunities in cruise tourism sector including river cruising. The conference was attended by more than 300 delegates including major global cruise lines viz, MSC, Carnival, RCCL, Costa, Cordelia, Holland America group etc.**

**As conveyed by Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, India has taken Cruise Tourism promotion and campaign to International Cruise events by actively participating in International forums viz Sea-Trade Miami, Dubai etc.**

**Further, as conveyed by Inland Waterways Authority of India, the infrastructure developed for transportation on National Waterways (NWs) by IWAI including fairway, terminals, jetties, navigation aids etc. are used by the river tourism operators also.**

**Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has flagged off the World's Longest River Cruise on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023 from Varanasi on NW-1 (River Ganga) to Dibrugarh NW-2 (River Brahmaputra) via Bangladesh, which has been successfully completed by covering waterway distance of 3200 km approx. on 28.02.2023 at Dibrugarh, Assam.**

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**ANNEXURE-I****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.690 ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023 REGARDING PROMOTION OF CRUISE TOURISM****List of Projects sanctioned under Coastal Circuit and Cruise Project under Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Amount in ₹ crore)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of State</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>Development of Circuit at Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam - Kotipally</b>	<b>67.83</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Nellore, Pulikat Lake, Ubblamadugu water falls, Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary, Mypadu Beach, Ramatheertham</b>	<b>49.55</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Puducherry</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Dubrayapet, Arikamedu China Veerampattinam, Chunnabmar, Nallavadu, Manapet, Kalapet, French Quarter, Tamil Quarter and Yanam</b>	<b>58.44</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj- Bakkhlai-Henry Island</b>	<b>67.99</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit (Shiroda Beach, Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach &amp; Creek), Devgad (Fort &amp; Beach), Mitbhav, Tondavali, Mocehmad and Nivati Fort).</b>	<b>19.06</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail.</b>	<b>97.65</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Odisha</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara.</b>	<b>70.82</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Andaman &amp; Nicobar Islands</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Long Island-Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair.</b>	<b>27.57</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Chennai-</b>	<b>73.13</b>

			<b>Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Kulasekaranpattinam – Kanyakumari</b>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Rua De Orum Creek - Don Paula -Colva - Benaulim</b>	<b>99.35</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project</b>	<b>57.35</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>688.74</b>

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**ANNEXURE-II****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 690 ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023 REGARDING PROMOTION OF CRUISE TOURISM****List of Projects sanctioned for infrastructure development at Ports and Waterways under the scheme of Assistance to Central Agencies****(Rs. in Lakh)**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>States/ UTs</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Name of Projects</b>	<b>Implementing Agency</b>	<b>Amt. sanctioned</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>Cruise Passenger Facilities Centre in the existing Passenger Terminal at Chennai Port.</b>	<b>Chennai Port Trust</b>	<b>1724.66</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>Cruise Terminal Building at Mormugao Port Trust</b>	<b>Mormugao Port trust</b>	<b>879.04</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Development of a Walkway/Promenade on Willingdon Island, Cochin, Kerala</b>	<b>Cochin Port Trust</b>	<b>901.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Central Financial Assistance for upgrading of Births &amp; Backup area of Ernakulam Wharf</b>	<b>Cochin Port Trust</b>	<b>2141.00</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Central Financial Assistance to Mumbai Port Trust for Development of KanojiAngre Lighthouse as a tourist Destination</b>	<b>Mumbai Port trust</b>	<b>1500.00</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>Up-gradation /modernization to International Cruise terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai.</b>	<b>Mumbai Port Trust</b>	<b>1250.00</b>

<b>7</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Improvement of immigration facility and deepening of existing cruise berth at Mormugao</b>	<b>Mormugao Port trust</b>	<b>1316.40</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Developing infrastructure at Cochin Port Cruise Terminal.</b>	<b>Cochin Port Trust</b>	<b>120. 79</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Creation of additional tourism facilities at the Cochin Port Trust Walkway</b>	<b>Cochin Port Trust</b>	<b>466.47</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Construction of Cruise-cum-Coastal Cargo Terminal at Channel berth area in Outer Harbour of Visakhapatnam Port</b>	<b>Visakhapatnam Port Trust</b>	<b>3850.00</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>CFA for Development of Additional infrastructure in the new Cochin Port Trust Terminal</b>	<b>Cochin Port Trust</b>	<b>1029.70</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>Creation of facilities for International and Domestic Cruise Vessels at Mormugao Port, Goa by Mormugao Port Trust (MPT)</b>	<b>Mormugao Port Trust</b>	<b>5000.00</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>Upgradation/Modernisation to International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai Port Trust</b>	<b>Mumbai Port Trust</b>	<b>3750.00</b>
<b>Total</b>					<b>23929.06</b>

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