

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1267
ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022**

PROMOTION OF TOURISM THROUGH WATER WAYS

†1267. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the names and details of ongoing schemes to develop tourism in Madhya Pradesh;**
- (b) whether there is any special plan under consideration to develop tourism in the city of Ma Ahilya Devi under Khargone Barwani Parliamentray Constituency and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether there is any special plan proposed to promote tourism through water ways in Madhya Pradesh so that the area of Narmada river could be developed for water ways transport; and**
- (d) whether any new water corridor is being developed from Barwani to Statue of Unity, Gujarat via Narmada river route in order to promote tourism and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): The Ministry of Tourism has provided financial assistance for the development of tourism related infrastructure under the 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' Schemes as well as for organizing fairs/festivals & tourism related events under Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme to the State of Madhya Pradesh.

Ministry of Tourism has also sanctioned project under the 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' Scheme in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

Details of the projects sanctioned under the above schemes and financial assistance provided for organizing fairs/festivals & tourism related events to the State of Madhya Pradesh is annexed.

In addition, Ministry of Tourism under Nirbhaya Fund has sanctioned a total amount of Rs.16,79,20,024/- and released Rs.6,24,46,860/-, during the financial year 2020-21 as first installment in favor of the Madhya Pradesh Government under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Safe Tourist Destinations for Women'.

(b): The plans of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for development of tourism in Khargone and Badwani parliamentary constituencies are mentioned below:

- Development of luxury river cruise tourism from Rajghat point at Barwani to the Statue of Unity in Gujarat on PPP mode.**
- Replacement of present diesel engines with PV solar engines (to reduce pollution) from the currently operating boats at Maheshwar Ghat.**
- The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted a proposal amounting to Rs.13.33 Crore to the Ministry of Textile, Govt. of India for promoting Textile tourism at Maheshwar (Khargone).**

(c): The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that in order to develop river cruise tourism, the following proposals are under consideration:

- Cruise operation from Bargi (Jabalpur) to Tidni (Mandla) in river Narmada.**
- Develop luxury river cruise tourism in river Narmada from Rajghat point at Barwani to the Statue of Unity in Gujarat on PPP mode.**

(d): The Department of Tourism, Govt. of MP has informed that it intends to develop a new water corridor from Barwani to the Statue of Unity on PPP mode. WAPCOS Ltd. New Delhi has been appointed for conducting the feasibility, hydrographic, and market assessment study. On the basis of the results obtained from the feasibility study, the process of obtaining necessary permissions and procurement of land for infrastructure development shall be initiated.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1267 ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022 REGARDING PROMOTION OF TOURISM THROUGH WATER WAYS.****Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Circuit	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
Year 2015-16					
1.	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna-Mukundpur-Sanjay-Dubri-Bandhavgarh-Kanha- Mukki- Pench	92.10	81.15
Year 2016-17					
2.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Sanchi – Satna -Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar.	74.02	69.08
3.	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage Circuit	Development of Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu	89.82	85.33
Year 2017-18					
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Eco Circuit	Development of Gandhisagar Dam-Mandleshwar Dam-Omkareshwar Dam-Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam-Ken River	94.61	88.58

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

Sl. No.	States	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Approved Cost	Amount Released
1.	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	44.83	35.87
2.	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Amarkantak	2020-21	49.99	4.86

Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	State	Name of Projects	Central Agency	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
Year 2020-21					
1.	Madhya Pradesh	Tourism Infrastructure at Beltaal Lake, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh by ITDC	ITDC	23.16	10.08

Financial assistance provided for organizing fairs/festivals & tourism related events under Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme

(Rs. in Lakh)

Name of State	Year	Name of Fairs & Festivals	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
Madhya Pradesh	2014-15	Fairs, Festivals and events	33.00	33.00
	2015-16	Fairs and festivals	19.00	19.00
	2016-17	Pachmarhi Utsav, Pachmarhi and Jal Mahotsav, Hanuwantiya	22.00	22.00
		(i) World Tourism Day Celebration (ii) Sharad Utsav, Bhedaghat (Jabalpur) and (iii) Mandu Utsav	20.00	20.00
	2017-18	(i) Jal Mahotsav, Hanuwantia (ii) Khajuraho Dance Festival	50.00	50.00
	2018-19	Pachmarhi Utsav & Jal Mahotsav	35.00	35.00
		Khajuraho Dance Festival	15.00	15.00
	2019-20	(i) Pachmarhi Utsav, Pachmarhi (ii) Jal Mahotsav, Hanuwantia (iii) Khajuraho Dance Festival	50.00	50.00
	2020-21	Baiga Olympics	20.00	20.00
	2021-22	(i) Pachmarhi Utsav, Pachmarhi (ii) Jal Mahotsav, Hanuwantia (iii) Khajuraho Dance Festival	50.00	50.00
