

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.111
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

SEA-FORT TOURISM IN MAHARASHTRA

111. DR. SHIVAJI BANDAPPA KALGE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to collaborate with the State Government to develop sea-fort tourism, as there are a number of on-shore and off-shore forts in Maharashtra;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any time-bound plan to start sea-fort tourism; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): While development and promotion of tourism destinations and products is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA), the Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the SGs/UTAs in synergy with the scheme guidelines, availability of funds etc.

In the year 2015-16, under the Coastal Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme, a project 'Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagarshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav' was sanctioned. As informed by Government of Maharashtra the project is physically complete.

Ministry of Tourism has revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, following a destination & tourist-centric approach.

Under 'Scheme for Special Assistance to States/Union Territories for Capital Investment (SASCI) - Development of Iconic Tourist Centers to Global Scale', Government of India has recently sanctioned 40 Projects in the country for Rs.3295.76 Crore.

The details of the projects sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan, SD 2.0, PRASHAD and SASCI schemes in Maharashtra including interventions around sea-forts are Annexed.

The proposals for projects at identified destinations are formulated and conceptualised by the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations. Proposals are received from States/UTs from time to time for seeking financial assistance for development of tourist spots including for development of sea-fort tourism, under the various schemes of the Ministry of Tourism. Reviewing and sanctioning of the projects is an ongoing process and is done as per procedures and requirements stipulated in the scheme guidelines.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.111 ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025 REGARDING SEA-FORT TOURISM IN MAHARASHTRA BY DR. SHIVAJI BANDAPPA KALGE:**

List of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme in the State of Maharashtra: -

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	Circuit	Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1	Coastal Circuit	2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06
2	Spiritual Circuit	2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa-Dhapewada- Paradsingha-Telankhandi- Girad	45.47

List of sanctioned projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0, in the State of Maharashtra: -

S. No.	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. Crore)	Date of Sanction
1	Pune	Shivrushti Historical Theme Park- Phase 3	76.22	21-09-2024

List of sanctioned projects under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI Scheme) - Development of Iconic Tourist Centers to Global Scale, in the State of Maharashtra: -

S. No.	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. in Crore)	Date of Sanction
1	INS-Guldar Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef, and Submarine Tourism in Sindhudurg	46.91	26-11-2024
2	Development of RAM-KAL PATH in Nashik	99.14	26-11-2024

List of sanctioned projects under PRASHAD Scheme, in the State of Maharashtra: -

S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost (Rs. in Core)
1	Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	42.18
