

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+2569  
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025**

**DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTED TOURISM DESTINATIONS**

**+2569. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:**

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

- (a) the manner in which spiritual tourism, culture and heritage, eco-tourism and other themes have been integrated in the development plans for each of the selected destination;**
- (b) the details of the eligible projects with regard to the development of forty-two selected destinations by the Government under the various tourism themes; and**
- (c) the manner in which 'Challenge Based' approach differs from the conventional strategy for the development of any destination and the outcomes thereof with regard to the selected destinations?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism under its Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan scheme has identified 42 destinations in the country under 4 categories as per the details given below:**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Thematic Category</b>	<b>No. of destinations selected</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Spiritual Tourism</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Culture &amp; Heritage</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Vibrant Village Program</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>42</b>

**Details of the 42 identified destinations under CBDD is annexed.**

**The Ministry of Tourism has also shared a template to the State Governments/UT Administrations for formulation of detailed action plan to submit project proposals.**

**As per the procedure, the proposals received under the scheme are examined on the given parameters & scheme guidelines and thereafter appraised by the Ministry of Tourism and considered for sanctioning. Under the CBDD scheme, adequate focus has also been given to include softer interventions in addition to hard components while appraising the project.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+2569 ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTED TOURISM DESTINATIONS RAISED BY SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT****List of 42 identified destinations under 'Challenge Based Destination Development'**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Category</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Nagarjuna Sagar	Culture & Heritage
2.	Adhra Pradesh	Ahobilam Temple	Spiritual Tourism
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Kibitho	Vibrant Village Programme
4.	Arunachal Pradesh	Bichom Dam Site	Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites
5.	Assam	Sivasagar	Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites
6.	Bihar	Bhagalpur	Culture & Heritage
7.	Bihar	Saran District (Sonepur Fair)	Culture & Heritage
8.	Chhattisgarh	Mayali Bagicha	Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites
9.	Goa	Mayem Village	Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites
10.	Gujarat	Porbandar	Spiritual Tourism
11.	Gujarat	Thol Village	Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites
12.	Gujarat	Vadnagar	Culture & Heritage
13.	Himachal Pradesh	Kaza	Culture & Heritage
14.	Himachal Pradesh	Rakchham, Chhitkul	Vibrant Village Programme
15.	Jharkhand	RamrekhaDham	Spiritual Tourism
16.	Kerala	Varkala	Culture & Heritage
17.	Kerala	Thalassery	Spiritual Tourism
18.	Karnataka	Bidar	Culture & Heritage
19.	Karnataka	Udupi	Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites
20.	Ladakh	Mushkoh Village	Ecotourism and Amrit

			<b>Dharohar Sites</b>
<b>21.</b>	<b>Lakshadweep</b>	<b>Lakshadweep</b>	<b>Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites</b>
<b>22.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>Mandu</b>	<b>Culture &amp; Heritage</b>
<b>23.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>Orchha</b>	<b>Spiritual Tourism</b>
<b>24.</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>Ahmednagar</b>	<b>Culture &amp; Heritage</b>
<b>25.</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>LangthabalKonug</b>	<b>Culture &amp; Heritage</b>
<b>26.</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>Nartiang Village</b>	<b>Spiritual Tourism</b>
<b>27.</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>Mawphlang Village</b>	<b>Culture &amp; Heritage</b>
<b>28.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Doyang Reservoir</b>	<b>Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites</b>
<b>29.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Impur Village</b>	<b>Spiritual Tourism</b>
<b>30.</b>	<b>Puducherry</b>	<b>White Town</b>	<b>Culture &amp; Heritage</b>
<b>31.</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>Ferozpur (Hussainiwala Border)</b>	<b>Culture &amp; Heritage</b>
<b>32.</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>Rupnagar (Anandpur Sahib)</b>	<b>Spiritual Tourism</b>
<b>33.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>Gnathang Village</b>	<b>Vibrant Village Programme</b>
<b>34.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>Kabi</b>	<b>Spiritual Tourism</b>
<b>35.</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>Rameswaram Island</b>	<b>Spiritual Tourism</b>
<b>36.</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>Thanjavur</b>	<b>Culture &amp; Heritage</b>
<b>37.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>Nalgonda</b>	<b>Culture &amp; Heritage</b>
<b>38.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>Kamareddy</b>	<b>Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites</b>
<b>39.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>Mahoba</b>	<b>Culture &amp; Heritage</b>
<b>40.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>Mana Village</b>	<b>Vibrant Village Programme</b>
<b>41.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>Jadung</b>	<b>Vibrant Village Programme</b>
<b>42.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>Kainchidham</b>	<b>Spiritual Tourism</b>

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