

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2719
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025**

TRIBAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

2719. SHRI RAJABHAU PARAG PRAKASH WAJE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognisance of the fact that Nashik District has significant tribal population and rich natural, cultural, and religious tourism potential, but lacks structured initiatives to generate employment for tribal communities through sustainable tourism;**
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of eco-tourism, adventure tourism and heritage tourism that could be developed in tribal areas, especially around Igatputi and Trimbakeshwar, to create local livelihood opportunities, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government intends to launch a dedicated tribal tourism development scheme which will help in boosting employment by way of eco-tourism projects, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide financial and technical support under the Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD schemes to develop tribal tourism circuits, promote homestays and support tribal handicrafts and cultural tourism for economic upliftment, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): As conveyed by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, it is implementing a proviso to Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution Under which funds are provided to State Governments with notified STs including Maharashtra based upon proposals

received from the State Government duly approved by Executive Committee and after appraisal and approval thereof by a Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) constituted in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for this purpose. It is a 100% grant from Government of India. Funding under this programme is to enable the State to meet the cost of such schemes of development as may be undertaken by the State for the purpose of promoting the welfare of Scheduled Tribes in that State. Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy for overall development of tribal people across the country, which inter- alia includes Tourism Sector. During 2024-25, State Government of Maharashtra had submitted the proposal "Shabari Aadi-Paryatan Yojana (Shabari Tribal Tourism Program) at 25 Villages including in Nashik. PAC approved the project amounting to Rs.1375.00 lakh for 2024-25.

Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, including religious tourism, eco-tourism, adventure tourism, tribal and heritage tourism is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry complements the efforts of States/UTs by developing and promoting various tourism products of the country, including eco-tourism, adventure tourism and heritage tourism in Maharashtra through various schemes and initiatives.

To position India as a preferred destination for Ecotourism, Adventure Tourism and Sustainable Tourism globally, Ministry of Tourism has formulated National Strategies for Eco-Tourism, Adventure Tourism and Sustainable Tourism.

To boost employment, the Government has approved the initiative to develop tribal homestays under Swadesh Darshan Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism as part of 'Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan'. The said intervention includes development of 1000 homestays with support of upto Rs.5.00 Lakh per unit for new construction, up to Rs.3.00 Lakh for renovation and Rs.5.00 Lakh for village community requirements.

Ministry of Tourism extends financial support to State Governments and Union Territories for development of tourism under its schemes of Swadesh Darshan and National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive

(PRASHAD) for Tourism Infrastructure Development including for development of religious tourism, cultural tourism, heritage tourism, adventure tourism and Tribal Tourism.

Ministry has revamped Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations following a destination centric approach.

Tribal-circuit was identified as one of the theme for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme. Details of these projects are Annexed.

Proposals are received from States/UTs from time to time for seeking financial assistance under the various schemes of the Ministry of Tourism. These proposals are extended for projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated provisions and availability of funds.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2719 ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025 REGARDING TRIBAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT RAISED BY SHRI RAJABHAU PARAG PRAKASH WAJE****List of projects sanctioned under the Tribal Circuit Theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

S. No.	State/ UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (in ₹ Crore)
1.	Chhattisgarh	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Jashpur- Kunkuri- Mainpat- Kamleshpur - Maheshpur -Kurdar - Sarodhadadar- Gangrel- Kondagaon- Nathiyanawagaon- Jagdalpur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh	96.10
2.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima- Wokha	97.36
3.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mokokchung-Tuensang- Mon	98.14
4.	Telangana	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mulugu- Laknavaram- Medavaram- Tadvai- Damaravi- Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls	79.87
