

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.990  
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025**

**PROMOTION OF RURAL TOURISM**

**990. DR. KIRSAN NAMDEO:**

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to promote rural tourism in the country including Maharashtra State;**
- (b) whether funds have been allotted by the Government for promoting rural tourism;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of funds that have been utilized by the State Government of Maharashtra during the last five years?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism promotes diverse tourist destinations and experiences including rural tourism in the country and Maharashtra through various initiatives. The promotion is carried out through organizing and participation in events, providing assistance to State Governments for organizing fairs and festivals, and outreach through website and social media etc.**

**Recognizing the immense potential of rural tourism in the country, Ministry of Tourism has formulated a National Strategy and Roadmap for Development of Rural Tourism in India and National Strategy for the promotion of Homestays.**

**To recognize and promote the best practices prevailing in the rural tourism villages, the Ministry has been organizing the Best Rural Tourism Village Competition since 2022.**

**The details of the projects and funds sanctioned by the Ministry under the Swadesh Darshan, Swadesh Darshan 2.0, States for Capital Investment (SASCI) schemes and National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) in the State of Maharashtra is annexed.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.990 ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025 REGARDING PROMOTION OF RURAL TOURISM RAISED BY DR. KIRSAN NAMDEO****List of Projects Sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Maharashtra:****(₹ in Crore)**

<b>Circuit &amp; Year</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
<b>Coastal Circuit 2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagarshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach &amp; Creek), Mitbhav</b>	<b>19.06</b>	<b>18.10</b>
<b>Spiritual Circuit 2018-19</b>	<b>Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad</b>	<b>45.47</b>	<b>43.19</b>

**Destination identified for development under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme in the State of Maharashtra:****(₹ in Crore)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Name of the Experience</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Pune</b>	<b>Shivrushti Historical Theme Park- Phase 3</b>	<b>76.22</b>

**Projects sanctioned under SASCI Scheme in the State of Maharashtra:****(₹ in Crore)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Ex-INS Guldar Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef, and Submarine Tourism, Sindhudurg</b>	<b>46.91</b>
	<b>Development of "RAM-KAL PATH" at Nashik</b>	<b>99.14</b>

**Projects Sanctioned under PRASHAD Schemes in the State of Maharashtra:****(₹ in Crore)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
<b>2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Trimbakeshwar</b>	<b>42.18</b>	<b>29.93</b>

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