

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.48
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025**

TOURIST INFLOW IN JAMMU & KASHMIR

48. SHRI TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of domestic and international tourists visited Jammu and Kashmir during the last five years and the current year;**
- (b) whether the Swadesh Darshan Scheme has had a measurable impact on the tourist inflow in the region and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the list of heritage sites and tourist destinations in Jammu & Kashmir that have been included under the said scheme, along with the year of inclusion; and**
- (d) the number of direct and indirect employment opportunities generated in Jammu & Kashmir under the said scheme during the last five years and the current year?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): The number of domestic and foreign tourist visits in Jammu & Kashmir during the last five years is given below:

Year	DTVs	FTVs	Annual Growth in DTV (%)	Annual Growth in FTV (%)
2020	25,19,524	5,317	-	-
2021	1,13,14,920	1,650	349.09	-68.97
2022	1,84,99,332	19,985	63.50	1111.21
2023	2,06,79,336	55,337	11.78	176.89
2024	2,35,24,629	65,452	13.76	18.28

Source: Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Department

(b) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism, under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, sanctioned a total of six (6) projects in the year 2016-17 for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, with a total sanctioned cost of ₹519.58 crore. All these projects have since been physically completed. The list of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme in UT of Jammu & Kashmir is placed at the annexure.

The Ministry has not undertaken any formal study to date to assess the extent of direct and indirect employment generated in the region under the Scheme during the last five years.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.48 ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025 REGARDING TOURIST INFLOW IN JAMMU & KASHMIR BY SHRI TEJASVI SURYA.**

The list of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme in UT of Jammu & Kashmir is as under:

Sr. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned in ₹ Crore
1	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Jammu-Srinagar-Pahalgam-Bhagwati Nagar-Anantnag-Salamabad Uri-Kargil-Leh	77.33
2	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama.	81.60
3	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities - Construction of Assets in lieu of those Destroyed in Floods in 2014 under PM Development Package	90.43
4	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai and Sudhmahadev	91.99
5	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Anantnag-Pulwama-Kishtwar-Pahalgam-Zanskar Padum - Daksum - Ranjit Sagar Dam	86.39
6	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla- Kupwara-Kargil - Leh	91.84
Total			519.58
