

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*139
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026**

DEVELOPMENT OF BEACH AND COASTAL TOURIST SITES

***139. SHRI TANGELLA UDAY SRINIVAS:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of top ten States recording the highest number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) for beach and coastal tourism during the last five years and the current year, year and State/UT-wise, along with their respective shares;**
- (b) whether the Government provides financial assistance for the development of select beaches as high-end tourism destinations;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including the names of the schemes or programmes and the funds sanctioned, released and utilised;**
- (d) whether the Government has undertaken any studies or assessments for the development of beaches as high-end tourism destinations;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof;**
- (f) whether the Government proposes to formulate a comprehensive Beach Tourism Policy for the development, regulation and beautification of beaches; and**
- (g) if so, the details thereof, including the proposed timelines and key policy objectives?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*139 ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF BEACH AND COASTAL TOURIST SITES RAISED BY SHRI TANGELLA UDAY SRINIVAS

(a): The Ministry compiles data on Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) to States/Union Territories based on information received from the State/UT Governments. The details of top ten coastal States/UTs recording the highest number of Foreign Tourist Visits during the last five years and the current year (latest available), along with their respective shares, are placed at Annexure-I.

(b) to (c): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, including beach and coastal tourism is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism complements the efforts of States/UTs through various schemes and initiatives. The Ministry of Tourism through its central sectors schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD), Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)' and 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan scheme complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country including at beach destinations by extending financial assistance to the SGs/UTAs on receipt of the project proposals from the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration in synergy with the scheme guidelines, Government directions, availability of funds etc.

Government of India under its 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' has also sanctioned projects with the primary objective to comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding and marketing them at global scale.

The details of projects undertaken in beach and coastal destinations under various schemes of the Ministry of Tourism are placed at Annexure II.

(d) to (g): Various schemes, programs, and initiatives of the Ministry have been actively addressing issues related to the tourism promotion and development, including coastal tourism. The focus of the Ministry is to strengthen and effectively implement these ongoing initiatives and monitor the evolving needs of the tourism sector, while remaining open to further enhancements in alignment with national priorities and stakeholder's inputs.

Feasibility studies and related assessments of proposed sites under the aforementioned schemes form an integral part of project development; however, a separate nationwide study, assessment or policy exclusively for development of coastal tourism is not envisaged at this point in time.

ANNEXURE-I

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION
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i. The details of coastal States/UTs recording the highest number of Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) during the last five years

State wise Foreign Tourist Visits (FTV) during 2019-2024								
S. No	States/UTs	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
		FTV	FTV	FTV	FTV	FTV	FTV	% Share
1	Maharashtra	5,528,704	1,262,409	185,643	1,511,623	3,387,739	3,705,170	17.69
2	West Bengal	1,656,145	463,285	34,828	1,037,017	2,706,942	3,124,462	14.92
3	Gujarat	595,607	210,047	11,319	1,777,215	2,806,871	2,274,477	10.86
4	Tamil Nadu	6,866,327	1,228,323	57,622	407,126	1,174,899	1,161,302	5.55
5	Kerala	1,189,771	340,755	60,487	345,549	649,057	738,374	3.53
6	Karnataka	608,754	165,325	72,487	128,520	409,333	485,204	2.32
7	Goa	937,113	302,751	22,128	174,799	452,692	467,911	2.23
8	Andhra Pradesh	280,356	67,591	27,551	165,845	60,426	262,431	1.25
9	Odisha	115,128	10,206	2,269	22,121	45,173	87,854	0.42
10	Puducherry	149,919	92,080	321	862	31,214	17,819	0.09
11	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	16,206	5,412	1,687	4,461	9,025	11,497	0.05
12	Dadra Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	7,369	1,604	185	1,791	4,048	2,626	0.01
13	Lakshadweep	820	413	4	125	755	898	0.00

Source: State/UTs Tourism Departments

ANNEXURE-II**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*139 ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF BEACH AND COASTAL TOURIST SITES RAISED BY SHRI TANGELLA UDAY SRINIVAS**

I. The details of Projects undertaken in beach/coastal destinations across all schemes of Destination Development Division, Ministry of Tourism – SD 1.0, SD 2.0, CBDD, SASCI, PRASHAD are as below

Swadesh Darshan 1.0

S. N o.	State/UT	Project Name	Sanction Year	Sanctioned Cost (in ₹ Cr)	Amount Authorized for utilization (in ₹ Cr)	Amount Utilized (in ₹ Cr)	Status
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Development of Long Island- Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair	2016-17	27.57	22.13	22.08	Complete
2	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam – Kotipally	2014-25	67.83	67.83	67.83	Complete
3	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake -	2015-16	49.55	49.55	49.55	Complete

		Ubblamadugu Water Falls – Nelapattu- Kothakoduru- Mypadu - Ramateertham – Iskapalli					
4	Goa	Development of Sinquerim- Baga, Anjuna- Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail	2016-17	97.65	97.65	97.50	Complete
5	Goa	Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek - Dona Paula - Colva – Benaulim	2017-18	99.35	99.35	97.74	Complete
6	Maharashtra	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Devgad, Mitbhav, Tondavali, Mochemad and Nivati Fort	2015-16	19.06	18.10	17.61	Complete
7	Odisha	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	2016-17	70.82	67.28	59.47	Complete

8	Puducherry	Development of Dubrayapet – Arikamedu – Veerampattinam – Chunnambar - Nallavadu/Narambai - Manapet- Kalapet - Puducherry - Yanam	2015-16	58.44	58.44	58.44	Complete
9	Tamil Nadu	Development of (Chennai- Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	2016-17	73.13	71.03	71.03	Complete
10	West Bengal	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj- Bakkhali- Henry Island	2015-16	67.99	65.07	65.07	Complete
			TOTAL	631.39	616.43	606.32	

II. Swadesh Darshan 2.0

S. No.	State/UT	Project Name	Sanction Date	Sanctioned Project Cost (in ₹ Cr)	Amount Authorized for utilization (in ₹ Cr)	Amount Utilized (in ₹ Cr)	Status

1	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Suryalanka Beach Experience	29.03.2025	97.52	9.75	-	Work commenced (4.04% Physical Progress)
2	Goa	Colva Beach Experience	28.08.2024	19.89	1.99	-	Work Commenced recently
3	Puducherry	Karaikal beach and waterfront experience	05.03.2024	20.30	-	-	CRZ clearance pending
4	Tamil Nadu	Immersive experience at Shore Temple	29.02.2024	30.02	-	-	NMA Clearance pending
5	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	Daman Convention Centre	29.03.2025	147.13	-	-	Tender Published (CRZ clearance received recently)
6	Kerala	Alappuzha: A Global Water Wonderland	29.03.2025	93.18	9.32	-	Work Commenced (11.46% Physical Progress)
7	Lakshadweep	Development of Eco-Retreat, Adventure, Beach and Mice Experience at Bangaram	29.03.2025	81.18	8.12	-	Project under revision.*
			TOTAL	489.20	29.18		

NOTE: *Development of Eco-Retreat, Adventure, Beach and Mice Experience at Bangaram: In the review meeting held under Chairmanship of Hon'ble

Minister for Tourism & Culture in December 2025, UT administration informed that it has been decided existing proposal will be expanded with cost enhancement, for which revised DPR is being prepared. The same will submitted to Ministry in due course.

III. Challenge Based Destination Development CBDD Scheme

S. No.	State/UT	Project Name	Sanction Date	Sanctioned Cost (in Cr)	Amount Authorized for utilization (in ₹ Cr)	Amount Utilized (in ₹ Cr)	Status
1	Gujarat	The Sacred Ocean Retreat at Harsiddhi Shore	27.03.2025	24.66	2.47	-	Tender Published recently
2	Kerala	Varkala-Dakshin Kashi	27.03.2025	25.00	2.50	-	Work Commenced (1.54% Physical Progress)
3	Kerala	Thalassery: The Spiritual Nexus	27.03.2025	25.00	2.50	-	Work Commenced (8.34% Physical Progress)
4	Puducherry	Development of White Town	27.03.2025	22.19	2.22	-	Work recently commenced
5	Tamil Nadu	Iconic transformation of Rameswaram	27.03.2025	20.01	2.00	-	Work Commenced (7.77% Physical Progress)
TOTAL				116.85	11.69		

IV. Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme

S. No.	State/UT	Project Name	Sanction Date	Sanctioned Cost (in Cr)	Amount Released for utilization (in ₹ Cr)	Amount Utilized (in ₹ Cr)	Status
1	Kerala	Ashtamudi Biodiversity and Eco-recreational Hub	26.11.2024	59.71	39.34	-	Work commenced (17.45% Physical Progress)
2	Maharashtra	Ex-INS Guldar Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef, and Submarine Tourism	26.11.2024	46.91	30.96	-	Work commenced (10% Physical Progress)
TOTAL		106.62		70.3			

V. Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme

S. No.	State/UT	Project Name	Sanction Date	Sanctioned Project Cost (in Cr)	Amount Authorized for utilization (in ₹ Cr)	Amount Utilized (in ₹ Cr)	Status
1	Goa	Development of Bom Jesus Basilica	04.12.2024	16.46	4.68	0	Work Commenced (24.78% physical progress) State has proposed deviations.

							To be placed before CSMC.
2	Gujarat	Development of Dwarka	12.09.2016	10.46	10.46	10.46	Completed
3	Gujarat	Development of Promenade at Somnath	19.12.2018	47.12	47.12	47.12	Completed
4	Gujarat	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	28.03.2017	45.36	45.36	45.36	Completed
5	Odisha	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham - Ramachandi - Prachi River front at Demuli under Mega Circuit	26.03.2015	50.00	10.00	0	Foreclosed
6	Tamil Nadu	Development of Velankanni	07.10.2016	4.86	4.86	4.86	Completed
TOTAL				174.26	122.48	107.8	

VI. Assistance to Central Agencies (ACA) for Infrastructure Development

List of Beach Development Projects:

S. No.	Project Name	State	Agency	Sanction Date	Amount Released for utilization (in ₹ Cr)	Amount Utilized (in ₹ Cr)	Sanctioned Project Cost (in Cr)	Status
1.	Development of a Walkway/ Promenade on Willingdon Island, Cochin, Kerala	Kerala	Cochin Port Trust	28-10-2016	8.26	8.26	9.01	Completed
2.	Creation of additional tourism facilities at the Cochin Port Trust Walkway	Kerala	Cochin Port Trust	12-12-2018	4.66	3.74	4.66	Completed
				TOTAL	12.92	12.0	13.67	

VII. List of Other Coastal Projects under ACA:

S. No.	Project Name	State	Agency	Sanction Date	Amount Authorized for utilization (in ₹ Cr)	Amount Utilized (in ₹ Cr)	Sanctioned Project Cost (in Cr)	Status
1.	Sound & Light Show at Diu Fort, Diu	Daman & Diu	ITDC	28-02-2015	6.20	6.20	7.75	Completed
2.	Cruise Passenger Facilities Centre in the existing Passenger Terminal at Chennai Port.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai Port Trust	24-09-2012	17.24	17.24	17.24	Completed
3.	Central Financial Assistance for upgrading of	Kerala	Cochin Port Trust	31-03-2017	19.12	17.12	21.41	Completed

	Births & Backup area of Ernakulam Wharf							
4.	Development of Additional infrastructure in the new Cochin Port Trust Terminal	Kerala	Cochin Port Trust	13-12-2019	8.88	8.89	10.29	Completed
5.	Developing infrastructure at Cochin Port Cruise Terminal.	Kerala	Cochin Port Trust	12-12-2018	1.14	1.14	1.20	Completed
6.	Improvement of immigration facility and deepening of existing cruise berth at Mormugao Port Trust	Goa	Mormugao Port trust	24-08-2018	4.91	4.91	13.16	Forecasted
7.	Development of International and Domestic Cruise Terminal and allied facilities at Mormugao Port Trust, Goa	Goa	Mormugao Port Trust	10-09-2021	40.0	40.0	50.00	Ongoing
8.	Cruise Terminal Building at Mormugao Port Trust	Goa	Mormugao Port trust	24-06-2014	7.67	7.67	8.79	Completed
9.	Construction of Cruise-Cum-Costal Cargo Terminal at	Andhra Pradesh	Visakha patnam Port Trust	14-12-2018	29.91	29.91	38.50	Physically Completed

	Channel berth area in Outer Harbour of Visakhapatnam Port							
10.	Up-gradation/modernization to International Cruise terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai	Maharashtra	Mumbai Port Trust	29-12-2017	12.50	12.50	12.50	Completed
11.	Development of Kanoji Angre Lighthouse as a tourist Destination	Maharashtra	Mumbai Port trust	09-08-2016	15.00	-	15.00	Completed
12.	Upgradation/Modernization to International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai Port Trust	Maharashtra	Mumbai Port Trust	20-12-2021	30.00	30.0	37.50	Ongoing
13.	Puri Railway Station	Orissa	MoR	No Data	6.14	6.15	6.15	Completed
14.	Rameshwaram Railway Station	Tamil Nadu	MoR	28-03-2018	3.75	2.26	4.70	Physically Completed
15.	Thiruvananthapuram Central station (TVC)	Kerala	MoR	30-07-2013	4.00	3.98	5.98	Physically Completed
	TOTAL				206.46	42.39	276.34	
