

**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.**

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**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 (SASCI) – 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.**

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**ANNEXURE-I****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) 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 coastal States/UTs recording the highest number of Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) during the last five years**

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

**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**

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

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

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

## **II. Swadesh Darshan 2.0**

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

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

**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**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Sanction Date</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost (in Cr)</b>	<b>Amount Authorize d for utilization (in ₹ Cr)</b>	<b>Amount Utilized (in ₹ Cr)</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>The Sacred Ocean Retreat at Harsiddhi Shore</b>	<b>27.03.2025</b>	<b>24.66</b>	<b>2.47</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Tender Published recently</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Varkala-Dakshin Kashi</b>	<b>27.03.2025</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Work Commen ced (1.54% Physical Progress)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Thalassery: The Spritiual Nexus</b>	<b>27.03.2025</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Work Commen ced (8.34% Physical Progress)</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Puduche rry</b>	<b>Development of White Town</b>	<b>27.03.2025</b>	<b>22.19</b>	<b>2.22</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Work recently commenc ed</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>Iconic transformati on of Rameswara m</b>	<b>27.03.2025</b>	<b>20.01</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Work Commen ced (7.77% Physical Progress)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>116.85</b>	<b>11.69</b>		

#### 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)
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>106.62</b>	<b>70.3</b>		

#### 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.

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

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

### **List of Beach Development Projects:**

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

#### **VII. List of Other Coastal Projects under ACA:**

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

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

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

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