

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2520
ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026**

**SWADESH DARSHAN 2.0 AND
TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives and key features of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme along with projects sanctioned and completed;**
- (b) the details of steps taken for development of tourism infrastructure, including airports, last-mile connectivity and sustainable tourism practices in the country particularly in Telangana; and**
- (c) the impact of these initiatives on employment generation, local economy and overall growth of the tourism sector in the country particularly in Telangana?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism has revamped the Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations in the country, following a destination and tourist centric approach. The scheme recognizes that sustainable and responsible tourism is the key and encourages adoption of principles of sustainable tourism including environmental, socio-cultural and economic sustainability.

Key feature of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme includes development of tourism experiences and amenities in the country, robust operation and management of tourism assets created through the scheme, resulting in

employment generation and contribution to growth of tourism-related businesses etc.

Details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 including in the State of Telangana is Annexed. All the projects sanctioned under SD2.0 are at various stages of implementation.

Effective and adequate connectivity is one of the important aspects of development of a tourist destination. Ministry of Tourism works closely with Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Ministry of Civil Aviation and other line Ministries to ensure improved connectivity including airports, last mile connectivity etc. to tourist destinations.

Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with Ministry of Civil Aviation under their Regional Connectivity Scheme- Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (RCS-UDAN) has identified 53 tourism routes in the country including in the state of Talangana for better air connectivity.

During the last seven years after commencement of the scheme, 637 RCS routes connecting 92 unserved and underserved airports (including 15 heliports & 02 water aerodromes) have been operationalised till date. Total domestic passengers travelled through RCS-UDAN are more than 154 lakhs connecting 3,17,000 RCS flights till date. The Viability Gap Funding (VGF) disbursed RACFT to selected Airline Operators (SAOs) is Rs. 4087 Crore.

Inspired by the success, Union Cabinet has approved the Modified Regional Connectivity Scheme–UDAN for the period FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36 with a total outlay of ₹28,840 crore. The Scheme envisages development of 100 airports from existing unserved airstrips, operational support for regional aerodromes, development of 200 modern helipads in hilly, remote, island and aspirational regions, and continued Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for regional air routes. The Scheme is expected to strengthen regional connectivity, improve last-mile access to tourist destinations, particularly in underserved areas, and boost tourism, trade and economic development across the country.

Swadesh Darshan Scheme further encourages State Governments/UT Administrations including State of Telangana to undertake due consultations with local communities and stakeholders, use of renewable energy, eco-friendly materials, adopt sustainable tourism practices, development of

accessible infrastructure and services, focus on capacity building, local entrepreneurship etc.

The scheme envisages to have a significant positive impact on multiple facets of tourism development in the country, including Tourism Growth, Boost to Local Economies, Infrastructure Creation, Employment Generation and Promotion of Tourism.

Further, The Ministry of Tourism has formulated a National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and the following strategic pillars have been identified for development of sustainable tourism:

- i. Promoting Environmental Sustainability**
- ii. Protecting Biodiversity**
- iii. Promoting Economic Sustainability**
- iv. Promoting Socio-Cultural Sustainability**
- v. Scheme for Certification of Sustainable Tourism**
- vi. IEC and Capacity Building Governance**

The Ministry has also launched the Travel for LiFE initiative to promote sustainable tourism across the country and to encourage tourists as well as tourism businesses to adopt sustainable practices to preserve local culture, environment and heritage.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2520 ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026 REGARDING SWADESH DARSHAN 2.0 AND TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT BY SMT. BIJULI KALITA MEDHI AND SMT. D K ARUNA

List of sanctioned projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 as on 30.06.2026

S. No	State/UT	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanction Date	Sanctioned Cost (in ₹ Crore)	Withdrawal limit assigned to Implementing Agency (in ₹Crore)
1	Andhra Pradesh	Bapatala	Development of Suryalanka Beach Experience	29.03.2025	97.52	48.76
2	Andhra Pradesh	Araku-Lambasingi	Borra Cave Experience at Araku	05.03.2024	29.88	14.94
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Mechuka	Mechuka Cultural Haat	05.03.2024	18.48	9.24
4	Arunachal Pradesh	Mechuka	Mechuka Adventure Park	05.03.2024	12.75	6.38
5	Arunachal Pradesh	Nacho	Unlock Nacho Expedition	05.03.2024	14.02	7.01
6	Assam	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar Wetland Experience	05.03.2024	26.68	13.34
7	Assam	Jorhat	Reimagining Cinnamara Tea Estate	05.03.2024	23.88	11.94
8	Bihar	Bodh Gaya	Development of the Buddhist Meditation & Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya	29.03.2025	165.44	16.54
9	Chhattisgarh	Kawardha	Bhoramdeo Corridor Development, Kawardha	29.03.2025	146.00	14.60
10	DNHDD	Daman	Daman Convention	29.03.2025	147.13	-

			Centre	25		
11	Goa	Porvorim	Porvorim Creek Experience	20.08.2024	24.07	12.04
12	Goa	Colva	Colva Beach Experience	20.08.2024	19.89	9.95
13	Haryana	Panchkula	Development of Adventure Tourism Hubat Tikkar Taaland Adventure Park	29.03.2025	26.68	2.67
14	Haryana	Panchkula	Rejuvenation of Yadavindra Garden	29.03.2025	65.82	6.58
15	Himachal Pradesh	Chintpurni	Development of Maa Chintpurni Devi Temple, Una	04.07.2025	56.26	5.63
16	Karnataka	Mysuru	Ecological Experience Zone	05.03.2024	18.48	1.85
17	Karnataka	Mysuru	Tongaride Heritage Experience zone	29.02.2024	2.72	0.27
18	Karnataka	Hampi	Settingup of 'Traveller nooks'	29.02.2024	25.64	2.56
19	Kerala	Alappuzha	Alappuzha: A Global Water Wonderland	29.03.2025	93.18	46.59
20	Kerala	Malampuzha	Enhancement of Tourist Experience at Malampuzha Garden and Leisure Park	29.03.2025	75.87	37.94
21	Kerala	Kumarakom	Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary Experience	05.03.2024	13.81	6.91
22	Ladakh	Leh	Julley Leh Biodiversity Park	05.03.2024	23.17	2.32
23	Ladakh	Kargil	Exploring LOC & Hundarman village Exp	05.03.2024	11.91	5.96
24	Lakshadweep	Bangaram	Development of Eco-Retreat, Adventure, Beach and Mice	29.03.2025	81.18	8.12

			Experience at Bangaram			
25	Madhya Pradesh	Chitrakoot	Spiritual experience at Chitrakoot	05.03.2024	27.22	13.61
26	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Phoolbagh Experience Zone	29.02.2024	16.74	8.37
27	Madhya Pradesh	Datia	Development of Pitambara Peeth Datia	14.07.2025	44.24	22.12
28	Maharashtra	Pune	Shivshruthi Theme Park	21.09.2024	75.47	37.74
29	Meghalaya	Sohra	Waterfall Trails Experience	05.03.2024	27.61	13.81
30	Meghalaya	Sohra	Meghalayan Age Cave Experience	04.03.2024	32.45	16.23
31	Mizoram	Champhai	EcoResort Experience at Keilungliah, Zote, Ngur & Mualbuhvum, Champhai	29.03.2025	38.85	19.43
32	Mizoram	Champhai	Heritage and Cultural Centre, Champhai	29.03.2025	33.87	16.94
33	Mizoram	Aizawl	Construction of Conference Centre	10.11.2025	99.71	49.86
34	Nagaland	Chumoukedima	Adventure Tourism Experience at Jacob Village, Chumoukedima	29.03.2025	32.54	16.27
35	Nagaland	Chumoukedima	Eco-Tourism Exp at Chumoukedima viewpoint	20.08.2024	7.87	3.94
36	Nagaland	Chumoukedima	Tribal Cultural Experience at Midway Retreat	05.03.2024	21.57	10.79
37	Puducherry	Karaikal	Karaikal beach and water front experience	05.03.2024	20.3	-
38	Punjab	Amritsar	Border Tourism	20.08.2024	25.91	2.59

			Experience at Attari	24		
39	Punjab	Kapurthala	Eco Tourism experience at Kanjli wetland	05.03.2024	19.56	1.96
40	Rajasthan	Sikar	Development worksat Shri Khatu ShyamJi Temple (Sikar)	29.03.2025	87.87	8.79
41	Rajasthan	Bundi	Spiritual Experience, Keshavraipatan	29.02.2024	21.65	2.17
42	Rajasthan	Bikaner dist.	Development Works at Shri Karnimata mandir, Bikaner	14.07.2025	22.58	11.29
43	Rajasthan	Malaseri Dungari (District Bhilwara)	Development of Malaseri Dungri, Bhilwara District	14.07.2025	48.73	24.37
44	Sikkim	Gyalshing	Eco-Wellness Experience at Yuksom Cluster	05.03.2024	15.41	7.71
45	Sikkim	Gangtok	Gangtok Cultural Village	29.02.2024	22.60	11.30
46	Tamil Nadu	Mamallapuram	Immersive experience at Shore Temple	29.02.2024	30.02	-
47	Telangana	Ananathagiri	Eco tourism zone at Ananathgiri forest	05.03.2024	38.01	19.01
48	Telangana	Bhongir	Bhongir Fort Experiential Zone	29.02.2024	56.82	5.68
49	Tripura	Agartala	Tripura Heritage Village & Sangeet Experience at Agartala (Phase-1 &2)	29.03.2025	48.95	24.48
50	Uttar Pradesh	Naimisaranya	Vedic-wellness Experience	05.03.2024	17.8	-

51	Uttar Pradesh	Prayagraj	Azad Park and Dekho Prayagraj Trail Experience	05.03.2024	14.52	1.45
52	Uttarakhand	Champawat	Tea Garden Experience	05.03.2024	19.89	1.99
53	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh	Rural Tourism Cluster Experience at Gunji	05.03.2024	17.86	1.79
Total					2207.08	645.72
