

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.31
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025**

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR COASTAL AND CRUISE TOURISM

31. SHRI SRIBHARAT MATHUKUMILLI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has developed or notified a comprehensive national policy for coastal tourism development and if so, the key objectives and components of such a policy;**
- (b) the current status of the proposed National Cruise Tourism Policy and National Cruise Tourism Board along with the manner in which these policy and board align with the existing Cruise Shipping Policy (2008), Sagarmala Programme and Swadesh Darshan scheme;**
- (c) whether the Government is coordinating with coastal States and Union Territories to create region-specific coastal tourism master plans or integrated tourism nodes and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has any proposals to support district-level or regional initiatives such as pooled investments, Blue Flag certification expansion or sustainable infrastructure development under the blue economy framework; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, including cruise 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.

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 stakeholders inputs. A separate policy for development of coastal tourism is not envisaged at this point in time.

However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the Central Government Agencies for development of tourism including Cruise Tourism and Cruising along rivers, on receipt of complete proposals under the Scheme of 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development'. In addition, Ministry of Tourism has identified Coastal Circuit as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme. The list of projects sanctioned under these schemes in various states is given in Annexure.

The Swadesh Darshan Scheme of the Ministry has been revamped as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations following a tourist & destination centric approach.

Cruise Bharat Mission (CBM) has been launched by Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways in September, 2024 with the aim to provide whole of government approach by involving various Central and State Government agencies. CBM provides for a framework for inter-ministerial approach for crafting interventions along policy, regulatory, and other aspects governing cruise sector and enable responsible involvement of all regulatory agencies, such as Customs, Immigration, CISF, State Tourism Departments, State Maritime Agencies, District Administrations, and local police.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.31 ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025 REGARDING INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR COASTAL AND CRUISE TOURISM RAISED SHRI SRIBHARAT MATHUKUMILLI

List of Projects sanctioned for infrastructure development at Ports and Waterways under the scheme of Assistance to Central Agencies

S. No.	States/ UTs	Year	Name of Projects	Implementing Agency	(Rs. in Lakh)
1	Tamil Nadu	2012-13	Cruise Passenger Facilities Centre in the existing Passenger Terminal at Chennai Port.	Chennai Port Trust	1724.66
2	Goa	2014-15	Cruise Terminal Building at Mormugao Port Trust	Mormugao Port trust	879.04
3	Kerala	2016-17	Development of a Walkway/Promenade on Willingdon Island, Cochin, Kerala	Cochin Port Trust	901.00
4	Kerala	2016-17	Central Financial Assistance for upgrading of Births & Backup area of Ernakulam Wharf	Cochin Port Trust	2141.00
5	Maharashtra	2016-17	Central Financial Assistance to Mumbai Port Trust for Development of Kanjivaram Lighthouse as a tourist Destination	Mumbai Port trust	1500.00
6	Maharashtra	2017-18	Up-gradation /modernization to International Cruise terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai.	Mumbai Port Trust	1250.00

7	Goa	2018-19	Improvement of immigration facility and deepening of existing cruise berth at Mormugao	Mormugao Port trust	1316.40
8	Kerala	2018-19	Developing infrastructure at Cochin Port Cruise Terminal.	Cochin Port Trust	120.79
9	Kerala	2018-19	Creation of additional tourism facilities at the Cochin Port Trust Walkway	Cochin Port Trust	466.47
10	Andhra Pradesh	2018-19	Construction of Cruise-cum-Coastal Cargo Terminal at Channel berth area in Outer Harbour of Visakhapatnam Port	Visakhapatnam Port Trust	3850.00
11	Kerala	2019-20	CFA for Development of Additional infrastructure in the new Cochin Port Trust Terminal	Cochin Port Trust	1029.70
12.	Goa	2021-22	Creation of facilities for International and Domestic Cruise Vessels at Mormugao Port, Goa by Mormugao Port Trust (MPT)	Mormugao Port Trust	5000.00
13.	Maharashtra	2021-22	Upgradation/Modernisation to International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai Port Trust	Mumbai Port Trust	3750.00
				Total	23929.06

List of Projects sanctioned for Coastal Circuit and Cruise Project under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

(Amount in ₹ crore)

S. No.	Name of State	Year	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2014-15	Development of Circuit at Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi -Aduru - S Yanam - Kotipally	67.83
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2015-16	Development of Nellore, Pulikat Lake, Ubblamadugu water falls, Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary, Mypadu Beach, Ramatheertham	49.55
3.	Puducherry	2015-16	Development of Dubrayapet, Arikamedu China Veerampattinam, Chunnabmar, Nallavadu, Manapet, Kalapet, French Quarter, Tamil Quarter and Yanam	58.44
4.	West Bengal	2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj- Bakkhlai-Henry Island	67.99
5.	Maharashtra	2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit (Shiroda Beach, Sagarshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Devgad (Fort & Beach), Mitbhav, Tondavali, Mocehmad and Nivati Fort).	19.06
6.	Goa	2016-17	Development of Sinquerim- Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim- Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail.	97.65
7.	Odisha	2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara.	70.82
8.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2016-17	Development of Long Island- Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair.	27.57
9.	Tamil Nadu	2016-17	Development of Chennai- Mamallapuram-	73.13

			Rameshwaram- Kulasekaranpattinam- Kanyakumari	
10.	Goa	2017-18	Development of Rua De Orum Creek – Don Paula –Colva - Benaulim	99.35
11.	Kerala	2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35
			Total	688.74
