

**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.**

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**ANNEXURE****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****(Rs. in Lakh)**

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

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

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

**(Amount in ₹ crore)**

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

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

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