

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.82
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025**

IMPLEMENTATION OF SDS 2.0

82. SHRI SASIKANTH SENTHIL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the tourism projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) 2.0 across the country, with a specific focus on Tamil Nadu, including the amount of funds allocated, released, and utilised during the period 2023-25;**
- (b) whether any tourism destinations or businesses have been certified under Travel for Lifestyle for Environment (LIFE) initiative across the country, including Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any environmental impact or carbon footprint assessments have been undertaken for the projects under the SDS 2.0, particularly in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the manner in which the infrastructure developed under the Smart Cities Mission has been leveraged or integrated into tourism development projects under the said Scheme along with the details thereof particularly from cities in Tamil Nadu; and**
- (e) whether the Government has evaluated the impact of these projects on local communities, heritage conservation, livelihood generation, with reference to Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector scheme of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable destinations. Details of the projects sanctioned under SD2.0 scheme in the country including Tamil Nadu covering details of funds sanctioned, authorized/ utilized is Annexed.

The projects under SD 2.0 scheme are identified based on the project proposals submitted by the concerned State Governments, its examination on the prescribed parameters and as per the institutional framework detailed in the scheme guidelines. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) is also formulated by the concerned State Government. The Ministry of Tourism emphasizes the State Governments/UT Administrations to prioritize community/stakeholder consultation, carrying capacity, sustainable practices, barrier free access, clean energy sources, use of locally available material for construction and procure eco-friendly transport options for last-mile connectivity etc. while formulating the DPRs under SD2.0. In addition, emphasis is placed on the inclusion of sustainable operation and maintenance plans and direct job creation etc.

As informed by the State Government of Tamil Nadu, the Smart Cities Mission in Tamil Nadu - integrates tourism in several ways, focusing on heritage conservation, improved tourist amenities, and leveraging technology to enhance the visitor experience. Several smart city projects in Tamil Nadu, like those in Thanjavur and Madurai, explicitly incorporate tourism-related initiatives.

Smart city projects in Thanjavur and Madurai involve the conservation and restoration of historical monuments and buildings, as well as the development of tourist plazas and improved access to heritage sites.

Thanjavur: Smart city projects include the renovation of Sivagangai Park, conservation of Sivagangai Kulam, all aimed at enhancing the city's heritage and tourist experience.

Madurai: The Madurai Smart City project includes a dedicated tourist amenities project and a heritage development project, focusing on enhancing the visitor experience at iconic landmarks.

Travel for Lifestyle for Environment (LIFE): Sensitisation on sustainability aspects in accommodation units is an ongoing process and certification is done as part of Travel for lifestyle for environment initiative.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.82 ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025 REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF SDS 2.0 RAISED BY SHRI SASIKANTH SENTHIL

List of sanctioned projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0:-

S No .	State	Year of Sanction	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost (in ₹ Crore)	Amount Authorised (in ₹ Crore)
1	Andhra Pradesh	2024-25	Bapatata	Development of Suryalanka Beach Experience	97.52	9.75
2	Andhra Pradesh	2023-24	Araku-Lambasingi	Borra Cave Experience at Araku	29.87	2.99
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2023-24	Nacho	Unlock Nacho Expedition	14.02	1.40
4	Arunachal Pradesh	2023-24	Mechuka	Mechuka Cultural Haat	18.48	1.85
5	Arunachal Pradesh	2023-24	Mechuka	Mechuka Adventure Park	12.75	1.28
6	Assam	2023-24	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar Wetland Experience	26.67	2.66
7	Assam	2023-24	Jorhat	Reimagining Cinnamara Tea Estate	23.88	2.38
8	Bihar	2024-25	Bodh Gaya	Development of the Buddhist Meditation & Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya	165.44	16.54
9	Chhattisgarh	2024-25	Kawardha	Bhoramdeo Corridor Development, Kabirdham District	145.99	14.59
10	Dadra Nagar & Haveli and	2024-25	Daman	Daman Convention Centre	147.13	CRZ clearance required

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11	Goa	2023-24	Porvorim	Porvorim Creek Experience	24.07	2.40
12	Goa	2023-24	Colva	Colva Beach Experience	19.98	1.99
13	Haryana	2024-25	Panchkula	Development of Adventure Tourism Hub at Tikkar Taal and Adventure Park	26.68	2.68
14	Haryana	2024-25	Panchkula	Rejuvenation of Yadavindra Garden	65.82	6.58
15	Himachal Pradesh*	2024-25	Maa Chintpurni Temple (District – Una)	Development of Maa Chintpurni Devi Temple, Una	56.26	5.62
16	Karnataka	2023-24	Hampi	Setting up of ‘Traveller nooks’	25.63	2.56
17	Karnataka	2023-24	Mysuru	Tonga ride Heritage experience zone	2.71	0.27
18	Karnataka	2023-24	Mysuru	Ecological Experience Zone	18.48	1.84
19	Kerala	2023-24	Kumarakom	Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary Experience	13.92	1.39
20	Kerala	2024-25	Alappuzha	Alappuzha: A Global Water Wonderland	93.17	9.31
21	Kerala	2024-25	Malampuzha	Enhancement of Tourist Experience at Malampuzha Garden and Leisure Park	75.87	7.58
22	Ladakh	2023-24	Leh	Julley Leh Biodiversity Park	23.16	2.31

23	Ladakh	2023-24	Kargil	Exploring LOC and Hundarman village Experience	11.91	1.19
24	Lakshadweep	2024-25	Bangaram	Enhancement of Tourist Experience at Bangaram	81.18	8.11
25	Madhya Pradesh	2023-24	Gwalior	Phoolbagh Experience Zone	16.73	1.67
26	Madhya Pradesh	2023-24	Chitrakoot	Spiritual experience at Chitrakoot	27.21	2.72
27	Madhya Pradesh*	2024-25	Pitambara Peeth, Datia	Development of Pitambara Peeth Datia	44.24	0.00
28	Maharashtra	2023-24	Pune	Shivrushti Historical Theme Park-Phase 3	76.22	7.62
29	Meghalaya	2023-24	Sohra	Waterfall Trails Experience	27.84	0.00
30	Meghalaya	2023-24	Sohra	Meghalayan Age Cave Experience	32.45	3.24
31	Mizoram	2024-25	Champhai	Eco Resort Experience at Keilungliah, Zote, Ngur & Mualbuhvum, Champhai	38.85	3.88
32	Mizoram	2024-25	Champhai	Heritage and Cultural Centre, Champhai	33.87	3.38
33	Nagaland	2023-24	Chumoukedi ma	Eco-Tourism Exp at Chumoukedima viewpoint	7.87	0.78
34	Nagaland	2023-24	Chumuoukedi ma	Tribal Cultural Experience at Midway Retreat	21.56	2.15
35	Nagaland	2024-25	Chumuoukedi ma	Adventure Tourism	32.54	3.25

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36	Puducherry	2023-24	Karaikal	Karaikal beach and waterfront experience	20.29	0.00
37	Punjab	2023-24	Kapurthala	Eco Tourism experience at Kanjli wetland	20.06	0.00
38	Punjab	2023-24	Amritsar	Border Tourism Experience at Attari	25.90	2.59
39	Rajasthan	2023-24	Bundi	Spiritual Experience, Keshavraipatan	21.65	2.65
40	Rajasthan	2024-25	Sikar	Development works at Shri Khatu Shyam Ji Temple (Sikar)	87.87	0.00
41	Rajasthan*	2024-25	Karni Mata temple, Bikaner dist.	Development Works at Shri Karni mata mandir, Bikaner	22.57	0.00
42	Rajasthan*	2024-25	Malaseri Dungari (District – Bhilwara)	Development of Malaseri Dungri, Bhilwara District	48.73	0.00
43	Sikkim	2023-24	Gyalshing	Eco-Wellness Experience at Yuksom Cluster	15.40	1.54
44	Sikkim	2023-24	Gangtok	Gangtok Cultural Village	22.59	2.25
45	Tamil Nadu	2023-24	Mamallapuram	Immersive experience at Shore Temple	30.02	0.00
46	Telangana	2023-24	Bhongir	Bhongir Fort Experiential Zone	56.81	5.68
47	Telangana	2023-24	Ananathagiri	Eco tourism zone at	38.00	3.80

				Ananathgiri forest		
48	Tripura	2024-25	Agartala	Tripura Heritage Village & Sangeet Experience at Agartala (Phase-1 &2)	48.94	4.89
49	Uttar Pradesh	2023-24	Prayagraj	Azad Park and Dekho Prayagraj Trail Exp	14.52	1.45
50	Uttar Pradesh	2023-24	Naimisaranya	Vedic- wellness Experience	17.80	1.78
51	Uttarakhand	2023-24	Pithoragarh	Rural Tourism Cluster Experience at Gunji	17.86	1.78
52	Uttarakhand	2023-24	Champawat	Tea Garden Experience	19.89	1.98
TOTAL AMOUNT					2108.87	166.35
