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Title: Request the government to include the tourist hotspots in Raigad, Maharashtra under the various categories of Swadesh Darshak Scheme.

SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE (RAIGAD): Sir, I would like to thank you for allowing me to put forward the concerns related to my parliamentary constituency of Raigad, Maharashtra.

Budget allocation for the Ministry of Tourism has been just Rs.2500 crores. Also, the Ministry of Tourism has decided to cut down on theme-based tourism circuits under *Swadesh Darshan* scheme. Sir, my parliamentary constituency Raigad in Maharashtra, with rich flora and fauna, attracts scores of tourists from across the globe. This influx of tourists also brings revenue and creates job opportunities to thousands of locals. The Ministry of Tourism, which functions as the nodal agency for development of tourism in the country, has been tirelessly making a headway in tourism infrastructure, promoting India as preferred destination, facilitating tourists visiting India by providing training and professional education so as to cater to the growing hospitality industry which is expected to reach a high value by the end of 2023. The said efforts are possible through implementation of various schemes. One such scheme under tourism infrastructure is *Swadesh Darshan*. The *Swadesh Darshan* scheme encompasses 13 thematic tourist circuits based on which I would like to recommend a few hotspots of tranquility and enlightenment in my Lok Sabha constituency of Raigad, Maharashtra. Nine coastal destinations are Anjarla, Murud, Jaigad, Malgund, Ganpatipule, Aareware, Bhatye, Guhaghar, Velneshwar.

I am aware that the list has turned out to be quite exhaustive. However, in the interests of holistic development of tourism, higher employment opportunities, and preservation of local culture and tradition, I would strongly recommend to the Government to kindly include the above-mentioned tourist hotspots under various categories of *Swadesh Darshan* Scheme. Thank you very much, Sir.

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