

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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Tourism Potential in Gujarat

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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether development of tourism in Gujarat is under any Centrally sponsored tourism scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the measures proposed to be taken to increase tourist activities in the State of Gujarat;
- (c) whether any time-bound programme has been chalked out in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to poise the issues relating to capacity constraints and inadequate policies on tourism?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): The development and promotion of various tourism destinations & products and implementation of tourism projects is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism has been providing Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with them for each financial year, subject to receipt of Detailed Project Report (DPR), liquidation of Utilization Certificates, availability of funds, inter-se-priority and adherence to scheme guidelines of Product Infrastructure Development of Destinations and Circuits (PIDDC). PIDDC is a centrally sponsored scheme under which no funds have been allocated under State plan during the current financial year.

The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has launched two new plan schemes "Swadesh Darshan for Integrated Development of Circuits around specific themes" and "PRASAD for National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive", which are central sector schemes. Gujarat is part of Coastal Circuit, which is one of the five circuits namely Coastal Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, North East India Circuit, Himalayan Circuit and Krishna Circuit identified under Swadesh Darshan Scheme initially. Seven more circuits viz. Desert Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Tourism Circuit, Wild Life Circuit and Rural Circuit have recently been identified under the scheme. Under PRASAD Scheme 12 cities have been identified. Dwarka city in Gujarat is a part of PRASAD Scheme. Presently, under these two schemes funds are available for providing infrastructural facilities. However, no funds have been sanctioned to the State Government of Gujarat during the last two financial years and the current financial year due to the pendency of utilisation certificates for the funds released earlier.

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