

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4391
ANSWERED ON 02.04.2026

SWADESH DARSHAN 2.0 IN PUNJAB

4391 SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU:

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

- (a) fund utilization and physical progress of the ₹181.18 crore sanctioned for Punjab under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 and Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD);
- (b) whether Government proposes to conduct a comprehensive survey or feasibility study to map and develop the untapped eco-tourism, nature trail and adventure sports potential of the Shivalik foothills (Kandi region) in the State;
- (c) whether the Ministry will sanction further financial assistance to develop dedicated riverine tourism circuits and water-based recreational infrastructure along the Sutlej and Beas rivers; and
- (d) measurable impact of these allocated funds and proposed expansions on local employment, skill development and revenue generation for rural youth?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Development of tourism destinations and products, including survey, mapping or study to develop eco-tourism, nature trails, adventure tourism and riverine and water-based tourism etc. is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA).

However, the Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes such as ‘Swadesh Darshan (SD)’, ‘Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)’, and ‘Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)’ –a sub-scheme of SD2.0 etc. complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments / UT Administrations; subject to adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), availability of funds, Government instructions, inter-se priority etc. While sanctioning of projects is an ongoing process, it is also subject to validity of applicable schemes. While the Ministry releases / authorized funds for sanctioned projects, its actual utilization is done by the concerned State Implementing Agency.

The details of projects sanctioned under SD, SD2.0 and CBDD schemes in the state of Punjab is **annexed**.

The project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan (SD) scheme in Punjab is reported physically complete whereas, projects sanctioned under SD2.0 and CBDD are at different stages of implementation.

The Ministry encourages State Governments/ UT Administrations to engage with local communities and ensure robust operation & management (O&M) of completed projects so as to increase footfall, generate local employment and enhance overall tourist satisfaction along with skill development.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4391 ANSWERED ON 02.04.2026 REGARDING SWADESH DARSHAN 2.0 IN PUNJAB RAISED BY SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU

The details of projects sanctioned under SD, SD2.0 and CBDD in the state of Punjab:

Swadesh Darsha (SD) Scheme**(in ₹ Crore)**

S. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released/ Authorized	Amount Utilized
1.	Heritage Circuit 2018-19	Development of Anandpur Sahib - Fatehgarh Sahib - Chamkaur Sahib - Ferozpur - Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour - Patiala	85.32	81.05	81.05

Swadesh Darsha 2.0 (SD2.0) Scheme**(in ₹ Crore)**

S. No.	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Year	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Authorized for Utilization
1.	Amritsar	Border Tourism Experience at Attari	2024-25	25.91	2.59
2.	Kapurthala	Eco Tourism experience at Kanjli wetland	2023-24	20.06	---

Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme**(in ₹ Crore)**

S. No.	Destination/ Category	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Year	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Authorized for Utilization
1.	Rupnagar (Anandpur Sahib) (Spiritual Tourism)	Heritage Street -A Symbol of Peace and Harmony at Sri Anandpur Sahib	2024-25	24.90	2.49
2.	Ferozpur (Hussainiwala Border) (Culture & Heritage)	Cultural and Heritage Strech at Hussainiwala Border	2024-25	25.00	2.50
