

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.†*241
ANSWERED ON 16.07.2019

FUNDS TO DEVELOP TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE IN CHHATTISGARH

†*241. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM:

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

- (a) the details of the sanctioned and utilised amount of fund by Government to develop tourism infrastructure in Chhattisgarh during the last three years, scheme-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the number of the tourist places where the development work has been carried out during the last three years in the State; and
- (c) whether Government has prepared any comprehensive framework for the development in those States especially Chhattisgarh which have immense potentialities in developing infrastructure for tourism; if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.†*241 ANSWERED ON 16.07.2019 REGARDING FUNDS TO DEVELOP TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE IN CHHATTISGARH.

(a) to (c): Development of Tourist Places/Pilgrimage Centres is the responsibility of respective State Governments/Union Territories. However, Ministry of Tourism, under the schemes viz., Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and "Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuit in the Country, Swadesh Darshan (SD)" provides Central Financial Assistance for infrastructure development and beautification of Tourist Places/Pilgrimage Centres on receipt of suitable DPRs submitted by State Governments/Union Territories, subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilisation certificate against the fund released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines.

- Details of the projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism for tourism infrastructure development in Chhattisgarh is as follows:

Ministry of Tourism has approved the project "Development of Tribal Tourism Circuit in Jashpur-Kunkuri-Mainpat-Ambikapur-Maheshpur-Ratanpur-Kurdar-Sarodadadar-Gangrel-Kondagaon-Nathiya Nawagaon-Jagdarpur-Chitrakoot-Tirthgarh in Chhattisgarh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in 2015-16 at the cost of Rs.99.21 Crore. The amount Rs.73.29 Crore has been released for the project so far.

- Ministry of Tourism in consultation with State Government of Chhattisgarh, has also identified the following projects:
 - i. Development at "Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple in Rajnandgaon District" under PRASHAD Scheme. The concept proposal submitted by State Government has been agreed in principle in the concept presentation meeting held on 26.09.2018. Draft Detailed Project Report (DPR) is awaited from the State Government of Chattisgarh.
 - ii. Development of Ramayana Circuit-Dandakaranya Circuit (Sheorinarayan-Rajim-Sihawa Saptrishi Ashram) as Ramayana Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme. State Government has submitted revised concept on 8.2.2017 of Rs.50.00 Crore.
 - iii. Development of "Hasebo Bango-Khuntaghat-Kodar-Tandula-madamsilli-Dudhwa-Kosarteda-Dalpat Sagar" as Eco Tourism Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme. State Government has submitted the proposal of Rs.98.96 Crores in May 2018.
