

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*8  
ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021**

**STATUE OF UNITY LIKE INITIATIVES**

**\*8. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government assumes the Statue of Unity as a model initiative of the Government of Gujarat to boost tourism;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to direct the other State Governments to take similar initiatives;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to identify similar locations State-wise to develop such initiatives under the Central Financial Assistance to boost tourism; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*8 ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021 REGARDING STATUE OF UNITY LIKE INITIATIVES.**

**(a): Yes, Sir. The Statue of Unity has emerged as an important tourist destination of the country both for domestic as well as international tourists.**

**(b): No, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism has not given directions to the State Governments in this regard.**

**(c): Does not arise.**

**(d) & (e): The Ministry of Tourism as part of its ongoing schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation & Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' provides central financial assistance to various State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations and Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country. The details of the projects sanctioned under these schemes is as under:-**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Scheme</b>	<b>No. of States / UTs</b>	<b>Total projects sanctioned</b>	<b>Total sanctioned amount (Rs. in Cr.)</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Swadesh Darshan</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>5524.82</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>PRASHAD</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1209.80</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Assistance to Central Agencies</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>553.03</b>

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