

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.618
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2022

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM SECTOR IN ODISHA

618. DR. SASMIT PATRA:

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

- (a) details of the development of tourism sector in the State of Odisha;
- (b) performance of Odisha as a tourist destination in the country; and
- (c) steps being undertaken to further develop the tourism sector in Odisha?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism has provided financial assistance for the development of tourism related infrastructure under the 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' Schemes to the State of Odisha. In addition, Ministry of Tourism has also sanctioned project under the 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' Scheme in the State of Odisha. The details of the projects sanctioned under the above schemes in the State of Odisha is **annexed**.

Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits in respect of Odisha during 2017 to 2021 are as follows:

Year	Domestic	Foreign
2017	14011229	100014
2018	15208540	110818
2019	15307637	115128
2020	4622273	10206
2021	3742221	2269

The Ministry of Tourism has taken several steps over the years for the promotion & development of tourism sector in the country including the State of Odisha as per details given below:

- i. Launched 24x7 toll free Multi-Lingual Tourist Helpline.
- ii. Providing facility of e-Visa for 5 sub-categories i.e. e-Tourist visa, e-Business visa, e-Medical visa, e-Medical Attendant visa and e-Conference visa for nationals of 156 countries.
- iii. E-Visa has been further liberalized and the visa fee has been substantially reduced.
- iv. Promoting India as a holistic tourism destination including its various tourism sites and products through Incredible India Campaigns.

- v. Showcasing tourism destinations and various tourism products in different States/UTs on the www.incredibleindia.org website of the Ministry of Tourism.
- vi. Launched Incredible India Tourist Facilitator Certification Programme, a digital initiative that aims at creating an online learning platform with the objective of creating a pool of well trained professional tourist facilitators across the country to assist tourists.
- vii. Conducting Programmes under the ‘Capacity Building for Service Providers’ (CBSP) Scheme to train and up-grade manpower to provide better service standards.
- viii. On the recommendation of the Ministry of Tourism, 46 tourism routes have been awarded to the identified airlines by Ministry of Civil Aviation under the RCS UDAN3 Scheme. 31 of these routes have been operationalized till date.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.618 ANSWERED ON 21.07.2022 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM SECTOR IN ODISHA.

Swadesh Darshan Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Circuit	Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	Odisha	Coastal circuit	2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82

PRASHAD Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Approved Cost
1.	Odisha	2014-15	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree JagannathDham – Ramachandi - Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	50.00

Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Name of Projects	Central Agency	Amount Sanctioned
Year 2016-17				
1.	Odisha	Joint Development of Puri Railway Station	M/o Railways	6.15
