

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINIISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 727
ANSWERED ON 12.12.2022**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PROMOTE HERITAGE TOURISM

727. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has been extending financial assistance to the States to promote heritage tourism;**
- (b) if so, the steps taken during the last three years to provide funds to Odisha to promote heritage tourism; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism (MoT) under its 'Swadesh Darshan Scheme'(SDS) has sanctioned 76 projects for development of tourism infrastructure in the Country under various themes including Heritage. 10 projects for an amount of Rs.757.56 Crore have been sanctioned under Heritage Circuit of SDS. Under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme of MoT 41 projects have been sanctioned which includes development at heritage sites also.

This Ministry has sanctioned a project 'Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara' in Odisha under coastal circuit theme of SDS in the year 2016-17 for Rs.70.82 crore. In addition, MoT has sanctioned another project 'Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham – Ramachandi - Prachi River front' at Deuli in Odisha under Mega Circuit of PRASHAD Scheme in the year 2014-15 for Rs.50 Crore
