

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1708
ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO JHARKHAND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF
TOURISM**

1708. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide financial assistance to the State of Jharkhand for development of tourism;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the number of projects being selected and considered for development;**
- (d) the details of financial assistance being approved for each project; and**
- (e) the details of the projects earmarked especially for Jharkhand?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism under its schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' provides central financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations etc. for development of tourism infrastructure in the country including Jharkhand. Projects are sanctioned in consultation with the respective State Governments/UT Administrations subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

The Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD scheme has already sanctioned the following projects in the state of Jharkhand:

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

Name of Project/Year	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
Swadesh Darshan		
Development of Dalma- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat (Eco Circuit) / 2018-19	30.11	26.37
PRASHAD		
Development of Baidyanathji Dham, Deoghar/ 2018-19	39.13	31.23

The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0) in order to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations in the country with tourist & destination centric approach. The scheme guidelines envisage for selection of destinations for development based on State Perspective Plan (SPP) prepared by the States.
