

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1307
ANSWERED ON 11.12.2023**

FUNDS SANCTIONED FOR THEME BASED CIRCUITS IN ODISHA

1307. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the theme-based circuits in Odisha and funds sanctioned thereof under the Swadesh Darshan scheme of the Ministry of Tourism;**
- (b) whether the Government would consider including more circuits under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme in India especially under the Buddhist and Tribal themes considering that Odisha has the diamond triangle of Buddhism in Lalitgiri, Udaygiri and Ratnagiri, as well as the Buddhist Shanti Stupa at Dhauli, along with a large number of tribal people and PVTGs each having their unique culture;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): The Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) had sanctioned a project under coastal circuit- 'Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara' for ₹70.82 crore in the year 2016-17 in Odisha.

(b) to (d): Ministry of Tourism has revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations. As per the SD 2.0 scheme guidelines, the State Governments/UT Administrations prepare a State Perspective Plan (SPP) analysing tourism potential of various destinations based on features like major tourism attractions, offerings, connectivity, current tourism eco system, state support etc. The Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the respective State Government/UT Administration and as per the provisions of the scheme guidelines, selects destinations for development. The Ministry has already identified 'Koraput' in Odisha as destination for development under Swadesh Darshan Scheme 2.0.
