

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM AT SIMILIPAL

461 DR. SASMIT PATRA:

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

- (a) the details of the projects prioritized for the development of tourism in Odisha during 2019-24, and the funds allocated for them;
- (b) whether Government provides any special package to Odisha for tourism development, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has any plans to provide a special package for the development of tourism at Similipal Biosphere Reserve and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations including the State of Odisha. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 1 project each under its 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'PRASHAD' schemes in the State of Odisha.

S. No	Schemes	Year of sanction	Name of the project	Sanctioned Amount in ₹ crore
1.	Swadesh Darshan	2015-16	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82
2.	PRASHAD	2014-15	Infrastructure Development at Puri	50.00

Ministry of Tourism has revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations and has identified 'Koraput' and 'Debrigarh along with special attraction of Khinda Village' as destination in Odisha for development under SD2.0.

(c): The Ministry of Tourism under its schemes has not sanctioned any project in the Similipal Biosphere Reserve.
