

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3433
ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024**

TOURIST SPOTS IN KORAPUT, ODISHA

3433. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of tourist spots identified in the State of Odisha for attracting international tourists; and**
- (b) the number of the such spots that are in undivided Koraput (Now Koraput, Rayagada, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur districts)?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): Development and promotion of various tourism destinations is primarily done by the concerned State Governments (SGs)/Union Territory Administrations (UTs). However, the Ministry of Tourism under its schemes of Swadesh Darshan and Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) provides financial assistance to SGs/UTs for development of tourism infrastructure at various tourist locations/destinations. This financial assistance is provided on receipt of the project proposals, its synergy with the relevant scheme guidelines, availability of budget etc.

The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations and has shortlisted 'Koraput' & 'Debrigarh along with special attraction of Khinda village' in Odisha. In addition, the Ministry has also identified 'Chausath Yogini Temple' (Balangir District) and 'Maa Kichakeswari Temple' (Mayurbhanj District) in Odisha under PRASHAD scheme.

On receipt of the project proposals from the State Governments under 'Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2024-25 (SASCI)', Government has recently sanctioned 40 projects in the country

including 2 projects 'Development of Hirakud' for Rs.99.90 Crore and 'Development of Satkosia' for Rs.99.99 Crore in the state of Odisha.

Ministry of Tourism holistically promotes various tourist destinations and products on the country including Odisha in domestic as well as international markets through various mediums such as website, social media promotions, events etc.

Details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD & SASCI schemes in Odisha are annexed.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3433 ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024 REGARDING TOURIST SPOTS IN KORAPUT, ODISHA RAISE BY SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI**

The details of the project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme in the State of Odisha is as under:

Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (₹ in Crore)
Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82

The details of the project sanctioned under PRASHAD scheme in the State of Odisha is as under:

Sanction Year	Project Name	Approved Cost (₹ in Crore)
2014-15	Infrastructure Development at Puri	50.00

The details of the project sanctioned under SASCI scheme in the State of Odisha is as under:

S. No.	Project Name	Cost (in ₹ Crore)	Sanction Year
1.	Development of Hirakud	99.90	2024-25
2.	Development of Satkosia	99.99	2024-25
