

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+939  
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025**

**DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST DESTINATION IN FOREST ZONE**

**+939.SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of two tourist spots, namely Ganesh Khol and Nandinia in the forest zone circle of Dhenkanal district in Odisha;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to undertake proper development of both of the said tourist destinations in tandem with the State Government; and**
- (d) whether the Government is likely to simplify and relax certain norms in the forest laws in case circumstances warrant so?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (c): Promotion and development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/UT Administration. As informed by Government of Odisha, Ganesh Khol and Nandinia are not identified tourism spots.**

**The Ministry of Tourism under the schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for the development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities at various tourism destinations in the country including Odisha.**

**Under 'Scheme for Special Assistance to States/Union Territories for Capital Investment (SASCI) - Development of Iconic**

**Tourist Centers to Global Scale', Government of India has recently sanctioned 40 Projects in the country for Rs.3295.76 Crore.**

**The details of projects sanctioned under the above mentioned schemes in the State of Odisha are given at Annexure.**

**Proposals are received from States/UTs from time to time for seeking financial assistance under the various schemes of the Ministry of Tourism. These proposals are extended for projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated provisions and availability of funds.**

**(d): As conveyed by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, it has issued guidelines for sustainable eco tourism in forest and wildlife areas in the year 2021.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+939 ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST DESTINATION IN FOREST ZONE RAISED BY SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY****Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme for the State of Odisha**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned (Rs. Crore)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Coastal Circuit</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara</b>	<b>70.82</b>

**Projects sanctioned under PRASHAD for the State of Odisha**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Approved Cost (Rs. Crore)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Infrastructure Development at Puri</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>50.00</b>

**Projects sanctioned under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI Scheme) - Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale for the State of Odisha**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost (Rs. Crore)</b>	<b>Date of Sanction</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Development of Hirakund</b>	<b>99.90</b>	<b>26-11-2024</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Development of Satkosia</b>	<b>99.99</b>	<b>26-11-2024</b>

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