

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.136
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025**

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN ODISHA UNDER SDS 2.0

136. SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0) in Odisha State for Koraput, Debrigarh and Khinda village have made any physical or financial progress during the last year and the current year;**
- (b) if so, the expected timelines, recent tourist footfall and impact on the local economy and jobs;**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and details of any pending approvals;**
- (d) the present status of the Rs. 70.82 crore project sanctioned under SDs 1.0 for Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara; and**
- (e) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to involve local tribal communities through skill development and livelihood opportunities?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products is primarily undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector scheme of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations including the State of Odisha. The Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SD 1.0) has sanctioned a project in the Financial Year 2016-17 'Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara' under Coastal Circuit theme in the State of Odisha. The project has been reported physically complete.

Ministry has revamped Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations following a destination & tourist centric approach. In consultation with the State Government of Odisha 'Debrigarh along with the special attraction of 'Khinda Village' was identified as destination for development under SD 2.0. for which the DPR has not been received.

Ministry encourages development of tourism infrastructure in a manner that promotes local livelihoods and community participation, including that of tribal communities. The projects sanctioned under the scheme aim to create opportunities for skill development, self-employment, and engagement of local stakeholders.
