

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.22
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025**

**DEVELOPMENT OF GOSABARA-MOKARSAGAR
WETLAND COMPLEX IN PORBANDAR**

22. SMT. POONAMBEN HEMATBHAI MAADAM:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any plans to develop the Gosabara-Mokarsagar wetland complex in Porbandar into a sustainable eco-tourism destination;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the eco-tourism project is aligned with conservation goals, focusing on preserving the wetland's biodiversity while promoting tourism; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and safeguards that are in place to ensure minimal disturbance to migratory and resident bird species?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of Tourism is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government. However, the Ministry of Tourism under its various schemes complements these efforts by providing financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for development of tourism projects.

In the year 2024-25, the Ministry of Tourism issued operational guidelines for 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale'(SASCI) scheme with the objective to comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding

and marketing them at global scale. Under the said scheme the Government of India has sanctioned 40 projects in the country for Rs.3295.76 Crore including the project 'Ecotourism Destination at Kerly Mokarsagar' for Rs.99.50 Crore in Gujarat. The projects under SASCI scheme have been identified based on the project proposals submitted by the concerned State Governments, its examination on the prescribed parameters and as per the institutional framework detailed in the scheme guidelines.

As per the contours of the scheme, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the projects is to be formulated by the concerned State Government after analysing all the relevant factors including environmental. Further, it is the responsibility of the concerned State to obtain all necessary clearances which are required as per the prevailing rules and regulations including those relating to environment, forest & pollution, Archaeological Survey of India and other pre-construction clearances before the implementation of the project.
