

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.37
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025**

SASCI SCHEME

37. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which the Government prioritizes the selection of projects under the "Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment" (SASCI) scheme along with the details of specific criteria adopted for this process;**
- (b) the details of the strategies being implemented by the Government to ensure the successful development and completion of the 40 approved projects focused on lesser-known destinations;**
- (c) whether the Government has any initiatives to promote the said destinations on international platforms and the manner in which such initiatives are being executed; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof, including collaborations, timelines and expected outcomes?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism issued operational guidelines for 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale'(SASCI) with the objective to comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding and marketing them at global scale.

Salient features of this endeavour include developing end to end tourist experience, funding support to the shortlisted proposals, strengthening all points of the tourist value chain, harnessing quality expertise for design and development, sustainable operations and maintenance etc.

The projects have been identified based on the project proposals submitted by the concerned State Governments, its examination on the

prescribed parameters such as connectivity to the site, tourism eco-system, carrying capacity, sustainability measures, sustainable operation and management, project impact and value created, tourism marketing plans etc. and as per the institutional framework detailed in the scheme guidelines.

As per the scheme guidelines, the projects are implemented and managed by the concerned State Government and projects are to be developed and completed within maximum 2 year's period whereas Government of India will release funds under this scheme up to 31st March, 2026. The details of the projects sanctioned under "Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment" (SASCI) scheme is annexed.

The Ministry of Tourism as part of its ongoing promotional activities regularly promotes various tourism destinations and products of the country including such endeavours in the international and domestic markets through social media, promotional websites, events etc.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.37 ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025 REGARDING SASCI SCHEME RAISED BY SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH****List of Projects sanctioned under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI Scheme) - Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale**

S. No.	State	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost (₹ Crore)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2024-25	Enriching the fort and Gorge Experience in Gandikota	77.91
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2024-25	Akhanda Godavari- (Havelok Bridge & Pushkar Ghat) in Raja Mahendravaram,	94.44
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	2024-25	Siang Adventure & Eco-Retreat in Pasighat	46.48
4.	Assam	2024-25	Assam State Zoo Cum Botanical Garden in Guwahati	97.12
5.	Assam	2024-25	Beautification of Rang Ghar in Sivasagar	94.76
6.	Bihar	2024-25	Development of Matsyagandha Lake in Saharsa	97.61
7.	Bihar	2024-25	Karamchat Eco-Tourism and Adventure Hub in Karamchat	49.51
8.	Chhattisgarh	2024-25	Development of Chitrotpala Film City in Raipur	95.79
9.	Chhattisgarh	2024-25	Development of Tribal & Cultural Convention Centre in Raipur	51.87
10.	Goa	2024-25	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Museum in Ponda	97.46
11.	Goa	2024-25	Townsquare in Porvorim	90.74
12.	Gujarat	2024-25	Ecotourism Destination at Kerly (Mokarsagar) in Porbandar	99.50

13.	Gujarat	2024-25	Tented City and Convention Centre in Dhordo	51.56
14.	Jharkhand	2024-25	Eco-Tourism Development of Tilaiyya” in Koderma	34.87
15.	Karnataka	2024-25	Ecotourism & Cultural Hub at Roerich and Devika Rani Estate Tataguni in Bengaluru	99.17
16.	Karnataka	2024-25	Development of Savadatti Yallammagudda in Belgavi	100.00
17.	Kerala	2024-25	Ashtamudi Biodiversity and Eco-recreational Hub in Kollam	59.71
18.	Kerala	2024-25	Global Gateway to Malabar's Cultural Crucible in Sargaalaya	95.34
19.	Madhya Pradesh	2024-25	Orchha A Medieval Splendour in Orchha	99.92
20.	Madhya Pradesh	2024-25	International Convention Centre for MICE in Bhopal	99.38
21.	Maharashtra	2024-25	INS-Guldar Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef, and submarine Tourism in Sindhudurg	46.91
22.	Maharashtra	2024-25	Development of RAM-KAL PATH in Nashik	99.14
23.	Manipur	2024-25	Loktak Lake Experience in Loktak	89.48
24.	Meghalaya	2024-25	MICE Infrastructure in Mawkhanu	99.27
25.	Meghalaya	2024-25	Redevelopment of Umiam Lake in Shillong	99.27
26.	Odisha	2024-25	Development of Hirakund	99.90
27.	Odisha	2024-25	Development of Satkosia	99.99
28.	Punjab	2024-25	Development of Heritage Street as a tribute to Shaheed-e-Azam, Sardar Bhaghat Singh at Khatkar Kalan in SBS Nagar	53.45
29.	Rajasthan	2024-25	Development at Amber-Nahargarh and Surrounding	49.31

			Area in Jaipur	
30.	Rajasthan	2024-25	Development at Jalmahal in Jaipur	96.61
31.	Sikkim	2024-25	Skywalk, Bhaleydhunga, Yangang in Namchi	97.37
32.	Sikkim	2024-25	Border Experience in Nathula	68.19
33.	Tamil Nadu	2024-25	Development of Nandavanam Heritage Park in Mammallapuram	99.67
34.	Tamil Nadu	2024-25	Garden of Flowers in Devala	70.23
35.	Telangana	2024-25	Ramappa Region Sustainable Tourism Circuit in Ramappa	73.74
36.	Telangana	2024-25	Somasilla Wellness & Spiritual Retreat in Nallamala	68.10
37.	Tripura	2024-25	Shakti Peethas Park at Banduar in Gomati	97.70
38.	Uttar Pradesh	2024-25	Development of Bateshwar in District-Agra	74.05
39.	Uttar Pradesh	2024-25	Integrated Buddhist Tourism Development in Shrawasti	80.24
40.	Uttarakhand	2024-25	Iconic City Rishikesh: Rafting Base Station in Rishikesh	100.00
TOTAL				3295.76
