

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†95
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025**

**DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM SPOT AT
KATARNIAGHAT WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to develop Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary near Indo-Nepal border in Bahraich of Uttar Pradesh and in the foothills of Himalayas as a big tourism spot keeping in view the bio-diversity and availability of various rare wildlife species here and opening into nearly 551 square kms, so that local people can progress economically and new employment opportunities can also be created; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far in this regard?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and tourism products is primarily undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of ‘Swadesh Darshan(SD)’, Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0), ‘Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)’ – a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan, ‘Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ and ‘Assistance to Central Agencies (ACA) for Tourism Infrastructure Development’ schemes is complementing the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations subject to availability of funds, adherence to scheme guidelines, and submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) by the State Government. In addition,

Government of India under its initiative for 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) has also provided financial assistance to the States for development of tourism projects.

Details of sanctioned projects under the SD, SD2.0, CBDD, PRASHAD, ACA and SASCI schemes in the State of Uttar Pradesh is annexed.

Presently, the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has not submitted any Detailed Project Report for the development of Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary for consideration under any scheme.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†95 ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM SPOT AT KATARNIAGHAT WILDLIFE SANCTUARY RAISED BY DR. ANAND KUMAR

List of projects sanctioned in the State of Uttar Pradesh under Ministry of Tourism Schemes:-

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Circuit/ Sanction Year	Sanctioned Amount
Swadesh Darshan			
1.	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	87.89
2.	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	Ramayana Circuit 2016-17	69.45
3.	Development of Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh- Kausambi-Mirzapur-Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj-Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-Kairana- Baghpat-Shahjahanpur	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	71.91
4.	Development of Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	67.51
5.	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- MagharDham (SantKabir Nagar)- ChauriChaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- MahuarshaheedSthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	36.65
6.	Development of Ayodhya	Ramayana Circuit 2017-18	127.21
7.	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad- Noida-Khurja-Banda	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	12.03
8.	Development of Gorakhnath Temple	Spiritual	18.30

	(Gorakhpur), (Balrampur) and (Domariyagunj)	Devipattan Temple and Vatvashni Temple	Circuit 2018-19	
PRASHAD Scheme				
1.	Development of Varanasi –Phase –I		2015-16	18.73
2.	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)		2014-15	10.98
3.	Development of River Cruise Tourism at Varanasi		2017-18	9.02
4.	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan		2014-15	9.36
5.	Development of Varanasi – Phase II		2017-18	44.60
6.	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan		2018-19	37.59
Swadesh Darshan 2.0				
1.	“Azad Park and Dekho Prayagraj Trail Exp”		2023-24	14.52
2.	Vedic- wellness Experience at Naimisaranya”		2023-24	17.80
Assistance to Central Agencies				
1.	Joint Development of Agra Cantt. Railway Station		2013-14	5.05
2.	Joint Development of Rai-Bareilly Railway Station		2013-14	4.44
3.	Illumination of monuments in Varanasi/Sarnath (Dhamekh Stupa in SarnathChaukhandi Stupa in Sarnath, Tomb of Lalkan in Sarnath and Man Mahal in Banaras)		2014-15	5.12
4.	Illumination of three monuments in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh- 1. Dashashwamedh Ghat to Darbanga Ghat (stretch of 300 m) 2. Tulsi Manas Mandir 3. Sarnath Museum		2017-18	2.93
Special Assistance to States/Union Territories for Capital Investment (SASCI)				
1.	Development of Bateshwar in District-Agra		2024-25	74.05
2.	Integrated Buddhist Tourism Development in Shrawasti		2024-25	80.24
