

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1166  
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025**

**NATIONAL TOURISM ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**†1166. SHRI BRIJMOHAN AGRAWAL:**

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

- (a) the details of the National Tourism Advisory Council and the major recommendations made by the Council during its last five meetings;**
- (b) whether any National Integrated Digital Platform for promotion of Guest Houses/Tourist Accommodation across all States and Union Territories has been recommended by the Council, if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon;**
- (c) the details of the budget allocation for promoting tourism in the country during the current financial year including Chhattisgarh, State/UT-wise; and**
- (d) the details of the schemes approved during the last eleven years along with pending projects of Chhattisgarh?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): The National Tourism Advisory Council (NTAC) functions as a 'Think Tank' of the Ministry of Tourism under the chairpersonship of the Hon'ble Minister of Tourism. The Council comprises representatives from key Central Ministries, individual experts in the field of travel and tourism management, and ex-officio members from leading industry associations.**

**The key recommendations emerging from the last five meetings of the National Tourism Advisory Council include promoting spiritual, religious, and heritage tourism; strengthening MICE tourism; and developing additional tourism circuits with improved air and rail connectivity to lesser-known destinations. The Council also emphasized the need to boost adventure tourism through infrastructure development and safety**

**standards, and suggested measures to increase international air seat capacity to enhance inbound tourism. However, no specific recommendation has been made by the council on the National Integrated Digital Platform for promotion of Guest Houses/Tourist Accommodation across all States and UTs.**

**(c): Ministry extends financial support to State Governments and Union Territories (UTs) for promotion of tourism including Chhattisgarh under its schemes of Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH). The allocation under the Domestic Promotion and Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) scheme for the current financial year is ₹136.90 crore. State/UT wise budget allocation are not made by the Ministry.**

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

**Ministry has revamped Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations following a destination centric approach.**

**Under the Special Assistance to States/Union Territories for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, the operational guidelines for Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale were issued by the Ministry of Tourism. In line with the guidelines, Government of India has approved 40 Projects worth ₹3295.76 Crore for development of lesser-known Tourism sites in 23 States, across the country.**

**Details of funds sanctioned under the above-mentioned schemes in the State of Chhattisgarh are at Annexure.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1166 ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025 REGARDING NATIONAL TOURISM ADVISORY COUNCIL RAISED BY SHRI BRIJMOHAN AGRAWAL.**

**The projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme in Chhattisgarh: -**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Circuit / Sanction Year</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned (₹ Crore)</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Tribal Circuit  2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Jashpur-Kunkuri- Mainpat- Kamleshpur - Maheshpur -Kurdar - Sarodhadadar- Gangrel-Kondagaon- Nathiyanawagaon-Jagdalpur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh</b>	<b>96.10</b>	<b>Completed</b>

**List of sanctioned projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0.**

<b>S. no</b>	<b>Year of Sanction</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Name of the Experience</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost (₹ Crore)</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Kawardha</b>	<b>Bhoramdeo Corridor Development, Kabirdham District</b>	<b>145.99</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>

**Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan scheme.**

<b>S no</b>	<b>Year of Sanction</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost (₹ Lakh)</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Mayali Bagicha</b>	<b>Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites</b>	<b>996.97</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>

**Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI Scheme)-  
Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale.**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Year of Sanction</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost (₹ Crore)</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Development of Chitrotpala Film City in Raipur</b>	<b>95.79</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Development of Tribal &amp; Cultural Convention Centre in Raipur</b>	<b>51.87</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>

**Projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Sanction Amount (₹ Crore)</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>Development of Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple, Dongargarh, Rajnandgaon District, Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>48.44</b>	<b>Completed</b>

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