

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1289  
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025**

**DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST DESTINATION**

**1289. SHRI CAPTAIN BRIJESH CHOWTA:**

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

- (a) the details of the initiative announced in Budget 2025 to develop the top 50 tourist destination sites in the country through a challenge mode in partnership with the State Governments;**
- (b) the criteria and process adopted for selection of these destinations, and the role of State Governments in providing land and facilitating infrastructure;**
- (c) whether the identified destinations include hotel infrastructure under the Harmonised Master List (HML) of infrastructure and the incentives associated therewith and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Government of Karnataka under this initiative and if so, whether Mangaluru or any site in Dakshina Kannada proposed or shortlisted, along with the current status of such proposals?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): The Union budget for the year 2025-26 mentions that 'Top 50 tourist destination sites in the country will be developed in partnership with states through a challenge mode. Land for building key infrastructure will have to be provided by states. Hotels in those destinations will be included in the infrastructure Harmonized Master List (HML). Discussions have been held with the State Governments/UTs and other stakeholders with regard to the criteria.**

**The criteria for selection of destination under the initiative would broadly encompass the potential of the destinations, preparedness of the State/Local Governments, the possibility of private investment etc.**

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