

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2370
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025**

DEVELOPMENT OF ICONIC TOURIST CENTRES TO GLOBAL SCALE

**2370. SHRI B K PARTHASARATHI:
SHRI MOHIBBULLAH:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of proposals received and approved under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale, State-wise;**
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned and disbursed under the said scheme for approved tourist centres along with the Central and State share, location-wise;**
- (c) the details of the number of projects being developed on Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis, along with the Central and State share, location-wise; and**
- (d) the details of the total tourist carrying capacity of the approved tourist centres, location-wise?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): With the aim to develop iconic tourist centres in the country, the Ministry of Tourism issued operational guidelines along with detailed project report template under Special Assistance to the States for Capital Investment (SASCI). Accordingly, 87 projects were received from the States on the online portal and 40 projects were sanctioned under the scheme for ₹3295.76 Crore with 100% central funding.

Ministry of Tourism does not directly undertake Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects under its current centrally sponsored schemes including Swadesh Darshan Scheme, which are 100% funded by the Central Government.

However, the Ministry of Tourism as part of DoE's Scheme - SASCI (Special Assistance to State for Capital Investment- Creating Iconic Tourist Centres), evaluated the project proposals submitted by the state governments. As part of this scheme, to encourage private sector participation in the tourism sector, the states were required to share potential PPP projects at selected tourism destinations as part of the evaluation criteria. These projects are envisaged to be implemented and monitored by the respective State Governments.

Under SASCI scheme, the Ministry advised the State Governments to calculate the final carrying capacity after assessing the physical carrying capacity and limiting factors as part of its DPR. The details of the projects sanctioned under SASCI scheme along with details of fund disbursal and estimated carrying capacity details as submitted by the State Governments in their DPR is annexed.

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ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2370 ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF ICONIC TOURIST CENTRES TO GLOBAL SCALE RAISED BY SHRI B K PARTHASARATHI AND SHRI MOHIBBULLAH**

Details of the projects sanctioned under SASCI scheme along with details of fund disbursal and the sanctioned project-wise carrying capacity details submitted by the State Governments:-

S. No.	State	Destination	Name of the Experience	Estimated Tourist carrying Capacity	Sanctioned Cost (in ₹ Crore)	Fund release Status (in ₹ Crore)
1	Andhra Pradesh	Gandikota	Enriching the Fort and Gorge Experience	25,600 tourists/ day	77.91	113.75
2	Andhra Pradesh	Rajamahendravaram	Akhanda Godavari: (Havelock Bridge & Pushkar Ghat)	20,493 tourists/ day	94.44	
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Pasighat	Siang Adventure & Eco-Retreat	9,519 tourists/ day	46.48	30.68
4	Assam	Guwahati	Assam State Zoo Cum Botanical Garden	18,420 tourists/ day	97.12	126.63
5	Assam	Sivasagar	Beautification of Rang Ghar	6,217 tourists/ day	94.76	
6	Bihar	Karamchat	Karamchat Eco-Tourism and Adventure Hub	33055 tourists/ day	49.51	97.10
7	Bihar	Saharsa	Development of	32,000 tourists/	97.61	

			Matsyagandha Lake	day		
8	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	Chitrotpala Film City	17,850 tourists/ day	95.79	97.46
9	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	Tribal & Cultural Convention Centre	6,855 tourists/ day	51.87	
10	Goa	Ponda	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Museum, Ponda	988 tourists/ day	97.46	124.20
11	Goa	Porvorim	Proposed Townsquare Porvorim	6,636 tourists/ day	90.74	
12	Gujarat	Dhordo	Tented City and Convention Centre, Dhordo	6,500 tourists/ day	51.56	99.70
13	Gujarat	Porbandar	Ecotourism Destination at Kerly (Mokarsagar)	5,067 tourists/ day	99.5	
14	Jharkhand	Koderma	Eco-Tourism Development of Tilaiyya	1,800 tourists/ day	34.87	23.00
15	Karnataka	Belgavi	Development of Savadatti Yallammagudda	Expected footfall 7,09,66,546 annually by 2030	100	131.45
16	Karnataka	Bengaluru	Ecotourism & Cultural Hub at Roerich and Devika Rani Estate Tataguni	26,946 tourists/ day	99.17	
17	Kerala	Kollam	Ashtamudi Biodiversity and Eco-	7,737 tourists/ day	59.71	102.32

			recreational Hub			
18	Kerala	Sargaalaya	Sargaalaya: Global Gateway to Malabar's Cultural Crucible	30,026 tourists/ day	95.34	
19	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	International Convention Centre for MICE	1,000 visitors/ day	99.38	131.54
20	Madhya Pradesh	Orchha	Orchha A Medieval Splendour	3,01,235 tourists	99.92	
21	Maharashtra	Nashik	RAM-KAL PATH	Tentatively 15000-18000/ day in non-peak season Tentatively 1,00,000/ day in peak season	99.14	96.38
22	Maharashtra	Sindhudurg	Ex-INS Guldar Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef, and Submarine Tourism	2,772 diver-visits/ day	46.91	
23	Manipur	Loktak	Loktak Lake Experience	6,000 visitors/ day	89.48	59.06
24	Meghalaya	Shillong	MICE Infrastructure at Mawkhanu	14,700 tourists/ day	99.27	131.04
25	Meghalaya	Shillong	Re-development	10,000 tourists/	99.27	

			of Umiam Lake	day		
26	Odisha	Hirakud	Development of Hirakud	22,057 tourists/ day	99.9	131.93
27	Odisha	Satkosia	Development of Satkosia	19,880 tourists/ day	99.99	
28	Punjab	SBS Nagar	Development of Heritage Street	18,750 tourists/ day	53.45	35.28
29	Rajasthan	Jaipur	Development at Amber-Nahargarh and Surrounding Area	11,250 tourists/ day	49.31	96.31
30	Rajasthan	Jaipur	Development at Jal Mahal	7,500 tourists/ day	96.61	
31	Sikkim	Namchi	Skywalk, Bhaleydhunga , Yangang	4,320 tourists/ day	97.37	109.27
32	Sikkim	Nathula	Nathula Border Experience	7,200 tourists/ day	68.19	
33	Tamil Nadu	Mamallapuram	Nandavanam Heritage Park	7,500 tourists/ day	99.67	112.12
34	Tamil Nadu	Ooty	Garden of flowers at Devala	3,994 tourists /day	70.23	
35	Telangana	Ramappa	Ramappa Region Sustainable Tourism Circuit	i. Year 1 (post-development)- 41, 304 tourists / day ii. Year 10 (post-development)-	73.74	93.60

				89,101 tourists / day		
36	Telangana	Somasilla	Wellness & Spiritual Retreat Nallamala	ii. Eegalap enta Arrival Area- 695 tourists / day v. Eegalap enta River Curise Node- 799 tourists / day v. Chench u Experie nce Centre- 597 tourists / day vi. Eegalap enta Promen ade- 1,260 tourists / day ii. Somasil a Akasa Retreat- 506 tourists / day	68.1	
37	Tripura	Gomati	51 Shakti Peethas Park at Banduar	5,755 tourist/ day	97.7	64.47
38	Uttar	Bateshwar	Development	2,15,960	74.05	101.82

	Pradesh		of Bateshwar	tourists/ day		
39	Uttar Pradesh	Shrawasti	Integrated Buddhist Tourism Development	1,00,000 tourists/ day	80.24	
40	Uttarakhand	Rishikesh	Iconic City Rishikesh: Rafting Base Station	14,400 tourists/ day	100	66
Total					3295.76	2175.11
