

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.623
ANSWERED ON 24.07.2025

PROMOTION OF ECO AND SPIRITUAL TOURISM IN KARNATAKA

623 SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to promote eco and spiritual tourism in destinations like Coorg, Gokarna, Shravanabelagola and Chikkamagaluru in Karnataka;
- (b) the support provided under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 and PRASAD schemes; and
- (c) the steps taken to improve last-mile connectivity and tourist facilities in these areas?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, including eco and spiritual tourism are undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry complements the efforts of States/UTs by developing and promoting various tourism products of the country, including eco and spiritual tourism in Karnataka through various schemes and initiatives.

The Ministry of Tourism has not sanctioned any infrastructure development project in the destinations like Coorg, Gokarna, Shravanabelagola and Chikkamagaluru in Karnataka. However, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned various projects under its ongoing schemes in Karnataka, which are given in the Annexure.

Key interventions under the schemes includes Tourist Facilitation Centres, Annadanam Centres, Waiting Halls, Cloak Rooms, Public Convenience, Cafeteria, Canopy Walk, Food Plaza & Kiosks, information boards, interactive displays, traveller's nook, etc.

In addition, to improve connectivity to the site, several components have been sanctioned including approach road development, road widening and beautification, development of destination entry points viz. passenger terminals.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.623 ANSWERED ON 24.07.2025 REGARDING PROMOTION OF ECO AND SPIRITUAL TOURISM IN KARNATAKA BY SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA.

List of Project sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Karnataka:

S. No.	State	Project Name	Sanction Year	Sanction Amount (in Rs. Crore)
1	Karnataka	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple, Mysuru	2023-24	45.38
2	Karnataka	Development of Renuka Yallama Devi temple	2024-25	18.37
3	Karnataka	Development of Basic Amenities at Papnash Temple, Bidar dist.	2024-25	22.25

List of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 in Karnataka:

S. No.	State	Year of Sanction	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost (in Rs. Crore)
1	Karnataka	2023-24	Hampi	Setting up of 'Traveller nooks'	25.63
2	Karnataka	2023-24	Mysuru	Tonga ride Heritage experience zone	2.71
3	Karnataka	2023-24	Mysuru	Ecological Experience Zone	18.48
