

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1373  
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025**

**TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

**1373. DR. D RAVI KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that domestic tourist visits reached 1.62 billion in 2023, showing strong recovery post-pandemic, while foreign tourist arrivals touched 9.2 million in 2024;**
- (b) the details of the tourism infrastructure projects sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 and PRASHAD schemes, during 2023–25, State/UT-wise;**
- (c) whether any assessment has been conducted on employment generation in the tourism sector, which currently supports over 80 million jobs; and**
- (d) the details of the steps taken to improve safety, digital ticketing, last-mile connectivity and sustainable tourism practices in major destinations?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a): The Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) and Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) during 2023 and 2024 are given below:**

**(in Million)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>DTVs</b>	<b>FTAs</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>2508.82</b>	<b>9.51</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>2948.19</b>	<b>9.95</b>

**Source: State/UT Tourism Departments and Bureau of Immigration**

**(b): The details of Sanctioned projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 and PRASHAD schemes during 2023-24 and 2024-25 are given in the Annexure.**

**(c): As per the estimates of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), tourism employment during 2023–24 was 84.63 million.**

**(d): Safety and security of tourists is primarily a State Government subject. However, the Ministry of Tourism has been continuously taking up the matter with all the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations for setting up of dedicated Tourism Police. With the efforts of Ministry of Tourism, the State Governments /UT Administrations of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh have deployed tourist police, in one form or the other.**

**The Ministry has launched the revamped version of Incredible India Digital Platform (IIDP) as a comprehensive resource for travellers and stakeholders interested in exploring the country's rich cultural heritage, natural beauty, and diverse attractions. The portal has also partnered with several OTAs (Online Travel Agents) and stakeholders for seamless booking of flights, hotels, cabs, and buses and tickets for ASI monuments.**

**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 for Tourism Infrastructure Development' schemes (ACA) is complementing the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations. 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. In some of the projects, last mile connectivity is also undertaken as a component.**

**Further, the Ministry of Tourism has formulated the National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and initiated the Travel for LiFE programme to promote sustainable tourism practices among travellers and tourism businesses.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY OF PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1373 ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025 REGARDING TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT RAISED BY DR. D RAVI KUMAR**

**The details of sanctioned projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme during 2023-24 and 2024-25:**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Year of Sanction</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Name of the Experience</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost (₹ Crore)</b>	<b>Amount Authorized (₹ Crore)</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Bapatala</b>	<b>Development of Suryalanka Beach Experience</b>	<b>97.52</b>	<b>9.75</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Araku-Lambasingi</b>	<b>Borra Cave Experience at Araku</b>	<b>29.88</b>	<b>2.99</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Nacho</b>	<b>Unlock Nacho Expedition</b>	<b>14.02</b>	<b>1.40</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Mechuka</b>	<b>Mechuka Cultural Haat</b>	<b>18.48</b>	<b>1.85</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Mechuka</b>	<b>Mechuka Adventure Park</b>	<b>12.75</b>	<b>1.28</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Kokrajhar</b>	<b>Kokrajhar Wetland Experience</b>	<b>26.67</b>	<b>2.66</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Jorhat</b>	<b>Reimagining Cinnamara Tea Estate</b>	<b>23.88</b>	<b>2.39</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Bodh Gaya</b>	<b>Development of the Buddhist Meditation &amp; Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya</b>	<b>165.44</b>	<b>16.54</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Kawardha</b>	<b>Bhoramdeo Corridor</b>	<b>145.99</b>	<b>14.59</b>

				<b>Development, Kabirdham District</b>		
<b>10.</b>	<b>Dadra Nagar &amp; Haveli and Daman &amp; Diu</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Daman</b>	<b>Daman Convention Centre</b>	<b>147.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Porvorim</b>	<b>Porvorim Creek Experience</b>	<b>24.07</b>	<b>2.40</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Colva</b>	<b>Colva Beach Experience</b>	<b>19.89</b>	<b>1.99</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Haryana</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Panchkula</b>	<b>Development of Adventure Tourism Hub at Tikkar Taal and Adventure Park</b>	<b>26.68</b>	<b>2.67</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Haryana</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Panchkula</b>	<b>Rejuvenation of Yadavindra Garden</b>	<b>65.82</b>	<b>6.58</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Maa Chintpurni Temple (District - Una)</b>	<b>Development of Maa Chintpurni Devi Temple, Una</b>	<b>56.26</b>	<b>5.63</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Hampi</b>	<b>Setting up of 'Traveller nooks'</b>	<b>25.64</b>	<b>2.56</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Mysuru</b>	<b>Tonga ride Heritage experience zone</b>	<b>2.72</b>	<b>0.27</b>
<b>18.</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Mysuru</b>	<b>Ecological Experience Zone</b>	<b>18.48</b>	<b>1.85</b>
<b>19.</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Kumarakom</b>	<b>Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary Experience</b>	<b>13.81</b>	<b>1.38</b>

20.	Kerala	2024-25	Alappuzha	Alappuzha: A Global Water Wonderland	93.18	9.32
21.	Kerala	2024-25	Malampuzha	Enhancement of Tourist Experience at Malampuzha Garden and Leisure Park	75.87	7.59
22.	Ladakh	2023-24	Leh	Julley Leh Biodiversity Park	23.17	2.32
23.	Ladakh	2023-24	Kargil	Exploring LOC and Hundarman village Experience	11.91	1.19
24.	Lakshadweep	2024-25	Bangaram	Enhancement of Tourist Experience at Bangaram	81.18	8.12
25.	Madhya Pradesh	2023-24	Gwalior	Phoolbagh Experience Zone	16.74	1.67
26.	Madhya Pradesh	2023-24	Chitrakoot	Spiritual experience at Chitrakoot	27.21	2.72
27.	Madhya Pradesh	2024-25	Pitambara Peeth, Datia	Development of Pitambara Peeth Datia	44.24	4.42
28.	Maharashtra	2023-24	Pune	Shivrushti Historical Theme Park-Phase 3	76.22	7.62
29.	Meghalaya	2023-24	Sohra	Waterfall Trails Experience	27.60	2.76
30.	Meghalaya	2023-24	Sohra	Meghalayan Age Cave Experience	32.45	3.25
31.	Mizoram	2024-25	Champhai	Eco Resort Experience at	38.85	3.89

				<b>Keilungliah, Zote, Ngur &amp; Mualbuhvum, Champhai</b>		
<b>32.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Champhai</b>	<b>Heritage and Cultural Centre, Champhai</b>	<b>33.87</b>	<b>3.39</b>
<b>33.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>Thingsulthli ah</b>	<b>Construction of Conference Centre</b>	<b>99.71</b>	<b>9.96</b>
<b>34.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Chumoukedi ma</b>	<b>Eco-Tourism Exp at Chumoukedi ma viewpoint</b>	<b>7.87</b>	<b>0.79</b>
<b>35.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Chumuouked ima</b>	<b>Tribal Cultural Experience at Midway Retreat</b>	<b>21.56</b>	<b>2.16</b>
<b>36.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Chumuouked ima</b>	<b>Adventure Tourism Experience at Jacob Village, Chumoukedie ma</b>	<b>32.54</b>	<b>3.25</b>
<b>37.</b>	<b>Puducherry</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Karaikal</b>	<b>Karaikal beach and waterfront experience</b>	<b>20.29</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>38.</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Kapurthala</b>	<b>Eco Tourism experience at Kanjli wetland</b>	<b>20.06</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>39.</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Amritsar</b>	<b>Border Tourism Experience at Attari</b>	<b>25.91</b>	<b>2.59</b>
<b>40.</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Bundi</b>	<b>Spiritual Experience, Keshavraipatan</b>	<b>21.65</b>	<b>2.17</b>

41.	Rajasthan	2024-25	Sikar	Development works at Shri Khatu Shyam Ji Temple (Sikar)	87.87	8.79
42.	Rajasthan	2024-25	Karni Mata temple, Bikaner dist.	Development Works at Shri Karni mata mandir, Bikaner	22.58	2.26
43.	Rajasthan	2024-25	Malaseri Dungari (District - Bhilwara)	Development of Malaseri Dungri, Bhilwara District	48.73	4.87
44.	Sikkim	2023-24	Gyalshing	Eco-Wellness Experience at Yuksom Cluster	15.41	1.54
45.	Sikkim	2023-24	Gangtok	Gangtok Cultural Village	22.60	2.26
46.	Tamil Nadu	2023-24	Mamallapuram	Immersive experience at Shore Temple	30.02	0.00
47.	Telangana	2023-24	Bhongir	Bhongir Fort Experiential Zone	56.82	5.68
48.	Telangana	2023-24	Ananathagiri	Eco tourism zone at Ananathgiri forest	38.01	3.80
49.	Tripura	2024-25	Agartala	Tripura Heritage Village & Sangeet Experience at Agartala (Phase-1 &2)	48.95	4.89
50.	Uttar Pradesh	2023-24	Prayagraj	Azad Park and Dekho	14.52	1.45

				<b>Prayagraj Trail Exp</b>		
<b>51.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Naimisaranya</b>	<b>Vedic-wellness Experience</b>	<b>17.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>52.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Pithoragarh</b>	<b>Rural Tourism Cluster Experience at Gunji</b>	<b>17.86</b>	<b>1.79</b>
<b>53.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Champawat</b>	<b>Tea Garden Experience</b>	<b>19.89</b>	<b>1.99</b>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>					<b>2208.27</b>	<b>197.28</b>

**The details of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme during 2023 to 2025**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Sanction Amount (₹ Crore)</b>	<b>Amount Released (₹ Crore)</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>25.33</b>	<b>6.74</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Development of Ambika Bhawani Temple, Saran</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>13.29</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>Development of Bom Jesus Basilica</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>16.46</b>	<b>4.68</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple, Mysuru</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>45.38</b>	<b>13.33</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>Development of Renuka Yallama Devi temple</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>18.37</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>Development of Basic Amenities at Papnash Temple, Bidar dist.</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>22.25</b>	<b>6.30</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>Development of Basic Amenities under PRASHAD scheme in Vangchhia, Champhai District</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>5.47</b>	<b>0.00</b>



<b>8.</b>	<b>Puducherry</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrim Facilities &amp; Tourist attractions for Sri Dharbaranyeswara Temple</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>25.94</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>Development of 8 Navagraha Temples</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>40.94</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>Development of Basic Amenities at goddess Renuka Yellama Devasthanam</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>4.22</b>	<b>0.00</b>
		<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>		<b>217.65</b>	<b>31.05</b>

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