

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN ODISHA

1418 SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:

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

- (a) whether the Central Government has received any proposal from Government of Odisha for all-round development of major tourism destinations in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;
- (c) the status of approval and funds released under schemes such as Swadesh Darshan, Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Tourism Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and other centrally sponsored programmes; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to expedite the development of tourism infrastructure in Odisha?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Development of tourist destinations and tourism products are primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA). However, the 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 SD2.0, 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development (ACATID)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations/Central Agencies; subject to adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), availability of funds, inter-se priority etc.

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 related projects.

The details of projects sanctioned during the last three years under aforesaid schemes by the Ministry of Tourism in the state of Odisha is as below.

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

S. No.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Released for utilization
SASCI				
1.	2024-25	Development of Hirakund	99.90	131.92
2.	2024-25	Development of Satkosia	99.99	

Receipt of project proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations to seek financial assistance is an ongoing process. In order to expedite implementation of the projects, Ministry of Tourism periodically reviews the progress of the projects through review meetings with the concerned SGs/UTAs at different levels.
