

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2330
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025**

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST SITES AT CHIKKABALLAPUR

2330. DR. K SUDHAKAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that 95 new tourist spots have been approved in Chikkaballapur district under the Karnataka Tourism Policy 2024–29 and if so, whether Central financial support has been sought by the State Government for this purpose;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to allocate funds under the schemes such as PRASHAD or Swadesh Darshan to develop these newly identified historical and religious tourism destinations, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from Karnataka for inclusion of sites such as Srinivasa Sagar Reservoir, Yoganandeeshwara Temple, Nandi Hills, Skandagiri Hills, Rangasthala and other heritage spots in centrally-sponsored tourism development schemes and if so, the details along with present status thereof; and**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to extend technical or infrastructural support for development of connectivity, eco-tourism facilities and interpretation centres at the 95 new locations, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Identification, development and promotion of destinations including listing under State Tourism Policy is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government.

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 Swadesh Darshan scheme and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country by extending financial assistance to the SGs/UTAs in synergy with the scheme guidelines, receipt of the project proposals from them from time to time, availability of funds etc. The projects sanctioned under these schemes include those related to historical sites, religious tourism, eco and hill tourism etc. and components covered under the sanctioned projects vary as per the need of the project and include those related to sanitation facilities, signages, last mile connectivity, interpretation centres, information kiosks, site improvements, parking etc.

Albeit, receiving of project proposals from the State Governments/ UT Administrations is a continuous process, presently no proposal for development of Srinivasa Sagar Reservoir, Yoganandeeshwara Temple, Nandi Hills, Skandagiri Hills and Rangasthala is under consideration under aforesaid schemes.

The details of the projects sanctioned under SD2.0 and PRASHAD schemes in the state of Karnataka is annexed.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2330 ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST SITES AT CHIKKABALLAPUR RAISED BY DR. K SUDHAKAR****(i) Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in the State of Karnataka:****(Amount in ₹Crore)**

S . No.	Year of Sanction	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Amount
1.	2023-24	Hampi	Setting up of 'Traveller nooks'	25.64
2.	2023-24	Mysuru	Tonga ride Heritage experience zone	2.72
3.	2023-24	Mysuru	Ecological Experience Zone	18.48

(ii) Details of Project sanctioned under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme in the State of Karnataka:**(Amount in ₹Crore)**

S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Sanction Amount
1.	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple, Mysuru	2023-24	45.38
2.	Development of RenukaYallama Devi temple	2024-25	18.37
3.	Development of Basic Amenities at Papnash Temple, Bidar dist.	2024-25	22.25
