

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.8
ANSWERED ON 29.01.2026

DEVELOPING ICONIC TOURIST CENTRES

8 SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA:

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

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

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 8 ANSWERED ON 29.01.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPING ICONIC TOURIST CENTRES RAISED BY SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA

(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) scheme. Accordingly, 87 projects were received from the States on the online portal and 40 projects were sanctioned under the scheme for ₹3295.76 Crore in the financial year 2024-25 with 100% central funding.

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

However, the Ministry of Tourism as part of Department of Expenditure'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 in the Financial Year 2024-25 along with details of fund disbursal and estimated carrying capacity details as submitted by the State Governments in their DPR is **annexed**.

Further, Department of Expenditure amended SASCI guidelines for 2025-26 and as per amended guidelines, States which did not avail funds under Part-III of SASCI 2024-25 are eligible to avail Special Assistance of not more than Rs.250 crores for tourism projects under Part-II of SASCI 2025-26. As per amended guidelines, Special Assistance of Rs.250 crores has been released each to Nagaland and Himachal Pradesh for tourism projects under Part-II of SASCI 2025-26, till 28.01.2026.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.8 ANSWERED ON 29.01.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPING ICONIC TOURIST CENTRES RAISED BY SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA

The details of the projects sanctioned under SASCI scheme in the Financial Year 2024-25 along with details of fund disbursal and the sanction project-wise estimated carrying capacity details submitted by the State Governments:

Sl. No.	State	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Amount (Rs. In Crore)	Amount Released (Rs. In Crore)	Estimated Tourist Carrying Capacity
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2024-25	Enriching the Fort and Gorge Experience in Gandikota	77.91	113.75	25,600 tourists/ day
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2024-25	Akhanda Godavari-(Havelok Bridge & Pushkar Ghat) in Raja Mahendravaram	94.44		20,493 tourists/ day
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	2024-25	Siang Adventure & Eco-Retreat in Pasighat	46.48	30.67	9,519 tourists/ day
4.	Assam	2024-25	Assam State Zoo Cum Botanical Garden in Guwahati	97.12	126.64	18,420 tourists/ day
5.	Assam	2024-25	Beautification of Rang Ghar in Sivasagar	94.76		6,217 tourists/ day
6.	Bihar	2024-25	Development of Matsyagandha Lake in Saharsa	97.61	97.09	32,000 tourists/ day
7.	Bihar	2024-25	Karamchat Eco-Tourism and Adventure Hub in Karamchat	49.51		33055 tourists/ day
8.	Chhattisgarh	2024-25	Development of Chitrotpala Film City in Raipur	95.79	97.45	17,850 tourists/ day
9.	Chhattisgarh	2024-25	Development of Tribal & Cultural Convention Centre in Raipur	51.87		6,855 tourists/ day
10	Goa	2024-25	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Museum in Ponda	97.46	124.21	988 tourists/ day
11	Goa	2024-25	Town square in Porvorim	90.74		6,636 tourists/ day
12	Gujarat	2024-25	Ecotourism Destination at Kerly (Mokarsagar) in Porbandar	99.50	99.69	5,067 tourists/ day
13	Gujarat	2024-25	Tented City and Convention Centre in Dhordo	51.56		6,500 tourists/ day

14	Jharkhand	2024-25	Eco-Tourism Development of Tilaiyya" in Koderma	34.87	23.01	1,800 tourists/ day
15	Karnataka	2024-25	Ecotourism & Cultural Hub at Roerich and Devika Rani Estate Tataguni in Bengaluru	99.17	131.45	26,946 tourists/ day
16	Karnataka	2024-25	Development of Savadatti Yallamma Gudda in Belgavi	100.00		Expected footfall 7,09,66,546 annually by 2030
17	Kerala	2024-25	Ashtamudi Biodiversity and Eco-recreational Hub in Kollam	59.71	102.33	7,737 tourists/ day
18	Kerala	2024-25	Global Gateway to Malabar's Cultural Crucible in Sargaa Layaa	95.34		30,026 tourists/ day
19	Madhya Pradesh	2024-25	Orchha A Medieval Splendour in Orchha	99.92	131.53	3,01,235 tourists/day
20	Madhya Pradesh	2024-25	International Convention Centre for MICE in Bhopal	99.38		1,000 visitors/ day
21	Maharashtra	2024-25	INS-Guldar Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef, and submarine Tourism in Sindhudurg	46.91	96.39	2,772 diver- visits/ day
22	Maharashtra	2024-25	Development of RAM-KAL PATH in Nashik	99.14		Tentatively 15000-18000/ day in non-peak season Tentatively 1,00,000/ day in peak season
23	Manipur	2024-25	Loktak Lake Experience in Loktak	89.48	59.05	6,000 visitors/ day
24	Meghalaya	2024-25	MICE Infrastructure in Mawkhianu	99.27	131.03	14,700 tourists/ day
25	Meghalaya	2024-25	Redevelopment of Umiam Lake in Shillong	99.27		10,000 tourists/ day
26	Odisha	2024-25	Development of Hirakund	99.90	131.92	22,057 tourists/ day
27	Odisha	2024-25	Development of Satkosia	99.99		19,880 tourists/ day
28	Punjab	2024-25	Development of Heritage Street as a tribute to Shaheed-e-Azam, Sardar Bhaghat Singh at Khatkar Kalan in SBS Nagar	53.45	35.27	18,750 tourists/ day
29	Rajasthan	2024-25	Development at Amber-Nahargarh and Surrounding Area in Jaipur	49.31	96.30	11,250 tourists/ day

30	Rajasthan	2024-25	Development at Jal Mahal in Jaipur	96.61		7,500 tourists/ day
31	Sikkim	2024-25	Skywalk, Bhaleydhunga, Yangang in Namchi	97.37	109.26	4,320 tourists/ day
32	Sikkim	2024-25	Border Experience in Nathula	68.19		7,200 tourists/ day
33	Tamil Nadu	2024-25	Development of Nandavanam Heritage Park in Mammallapuram	99.67	112.13	7,500 tourists/ day
34	Tamil Nadu	2024-25	Eco Park at Race Course in Ooty	70.23		3,994 tourists /day
35	Telangana	2024-25	Ramappa Region Sustainable Tourism Circuit in Ramappa	73.74	93.61	i. Year 1 (post-development)- 41,304 tourists/ day ii. Year 10 (post-development)- 89,101 tourists/ day
36	Telangana	2024-25	Somasilla Wellness & Spiritual Retreat in Nallamala	68.10		i. Eegalapenta Arrival Area- 695 tourists/ day ii. Eegalapenta River Curise Node- 799 tourists/ day iii. Chenchu Experience Centre- 597 tourists/ day iv. Eagalapenta Promenade- 1,260 tourists/ day v. Somasila Akasa Retreat- 506 tourists/ day
37	Tripura	2024-25	Shakti Peethas Park at Banduar in Gomati	97.70	64.48	5,755 tourists/ day
38	Uttar Pradesh	2024-25	Development of Bateshwar in District-Agra	74.05	101.83	2,15,960 tourists/ day
39	Uttar Pradesh	2024-25	Integrated Buddhist Tourism Development in Shravasti	80.24		1,00,000 tourists/ day
40	Uttarakhand	2024-25	Iconic City Rishikesh: Rafting Base Station in Rishikesh	100.00	66.00	14,400 tourists/ day
Total				3295.76	2,175.09	
