

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.147  
ANSWERED ON 29.01.2026

**DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE**

147 SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH:  
SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHRY:

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

- (a) the number of projects sanctioned to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana under Swadesh Darshan scheme and Swadesh Darshan 2.0;
- (b) the number of projects completed, so far, in these States;
- (c) the objectives of Challenge-Based Destination Development initiative and the categories of projects supported under it;
- (d) whether long-term interest-free assistance is being utilised for the development of iconic tourism destinations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): Development and promotion of tourism destinations and products is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA). However, Ministry of Tourism through its centre sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD), Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme etc. complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country by extending financial assistance to the SGs/UTAs on receipt of the project proposals from the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration in synergy with the scheme guidelines, Government directions, availability of funds, inter-se priority etc. As per the scheme guidelines of CBDD, the initiative intends holistic development of the destinations to enhance tourist experiences across all points of the tourist value chain and 4 categories viz. spiritual tourism, culture & heritage, Vibrant Village programme and Eco-tourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites were identified under it.

Government of India under its 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SACI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' scheme, which provides long term interest free loans, has sanctioned projects with the primary objective to comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding and marketing them at global scale.

The details of the projects sanctioned under SD, SD2.0, CBDD and SACI schemes in the State of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana along with its implementation status is **annexed**.

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## ANNEXURE

### STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.147 ANSWERED ON 29.01.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE RAISED BY SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH AND SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHRY

Details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan (SD), SD2.0, CBDD and SASCI schemes in the state of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana along with its implementation status:

#### Andhra Pradesh

(Rs. In Crore)				
<b>Scheme/Sub -Scheme/ Initiative</b>	<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the project /Experience</b>	<b>Sanctioned Amount</b>	<b>Status (Physically complete/ Implementation Stage)</b>
Swadesh Darshan (SD)	1.	Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam – Kotipally	67.83	Physically complete
	2.	Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake - Ubblamadugu Water Falls – Nelapattu- Kothakoduru- Mypadu - Ramateertham – Iskapalli	49.55	Physically complete
	3.	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda - Amravati- Anupu	35.24	Physically complete
SD2.0	4.	Development of Suryalanka Beach Experience at Bapatala	97.52	Implementation Stage
	5.	Borra Cave Experience at Araku	29.88	Implementation Stage
CBDD	6.	Enriching Buddhist Heritage and Cultural Experiences at Nagarjuna Sagar	25.00	Implementation Stage
	7.	Development of Abhobilam as a Spiritual Odyssey	24.99	Implementation Stage
SASCI	8.	Enriching the Fort and Gorge Experience in Gandikota	77.91	Implementation Stage
	9.	Akhanda Godavari- (Havelok Bridge & Pushkar Ghat) in Raja Mahendravaram	94.44	Implementation Stage

#### Telangana

(Rs. In Crore)				
<b>Scheme/Sub -Scheme/ Initiative</b>	<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the project /Experience</b>	<b>Sanctioned Amount</b>	<b>Status (Physically complete/ Implementation Stage)</b>
Swadesh Darshan (SD)	1.	Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district	91.62	Physically complete

	2.	Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram-Medavaram- Tadvai- Damaravi- Mallur-Bogatha Waterfalls	79.87	Physically complete
	3.	Development of Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb	96.90	Physically complete
SD2.0	4.	Eco tourism zone at Ananathgiri forest	38.00	Implementation Stage
	5.	Bhongir Fort Experiential Zone	56.82	Implementation Stage
CBDD	6.	Development of digital experience centre at Bhuddhavanam, Nalgonda	24.85	Implementation Stage
	7.	Development of Eco-Tourism Project at Nizam Sagar, Kamareddy	9.98	Implementation Stage
SASCI	8.	Ramappa Region Sustainable Tourism Circuit in Ramappa	73.74	Implementation Stage
	9.	Somasilla Wellness & Spiritual Retreat in Nallamala	68.10	Implementation Stage

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