

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4463
ANSWERED ON 02.04.2026

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST CIRCUITS

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

- (a) the details of progress made in developing integrated tourist circuits with world-class infrastructure at key spiritual and cultural destinations;
- (b) the specific projects and amenities developed in Telangana, within the Hyderabad Heritage circuit and their role in enhancing visitor experience;
- (c) how this infrastructure-led approach is boosting domestic tourism, creating local employment and promoting regional arts, crafts and cuisine; and
- (d) the details of strategy adopted to market these destinations effectively to both the domestic and international tourists?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of tourism destinations in the country is primarily done by the concerned State Government (SG)/UT Administration (UTA). However, the Ministry of Tourism through its various schemes complements these efforts by providing financial assistance to SGs/UTAs on receipt of project proposals from them in line with the relevant scheme guidelines, Government directions, availability of funds, inter-se priority etc.

The Ministry launched its Swadesh Darshan scheme (SDS) in 2014-15 and sanctioned 76 projects under identified thematic circuits for Rs.5290.33 Crores in the country. This scheme was revamped as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with destination and tourist centric approach and Ministry has sanctioned 53 projects for Rs. 2208.31 Crore. Ministry of Tourism also sanctioned 38 projects for Rs.697.94 Crore under its 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)' initiative, a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan in the country. The projects sanctioned under the above-mentioned schemes/initiatives also cover destinations related to spiritual, culture, heritage tourism etc. with the effort to boost domestic tourism including local art, craft, cuisine etc. and create local employment.

The components under the above-mentioned schemes are considered for sanctioning as per project requirement and primarily cover those related to tourism core products, tourism activities, sanitation & safety, last mile connectivity, parking, general site development, soft interventions etc.

In addition, the Ministry under its 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' scheme also provides financial assistance to the SGs/UTAs for integrated development of identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations. Accordingly, the Ministry has sanctioned 54 projects for Rs.1726.74 Crore in the country under PRASHAD scheme.

Details of the projects sanctioned under SD, SD2.0, CBDD and PRASHAD schemes in the state of Telangana is **annexed**.

Government of India in 2024-25 sanctioned the projects 'Ramappa Region Sustainable Tourism Circuit in Ramappa' for ₹73.74 Crore and 'Somasilla Wellness & Spiritual Retreat in Nallamala' for ₹68.10 Crore in the state of Telangana under its initiative for 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI)-Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale'.

In addition, the Ministry of Tourism holistically promotes various tourism destinations and products of the country including those in the state of Telangana; through various promotional tools such as website, events, social media etc.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4463 ANSWERED ON 02.04.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST CIRCUITS RAISED BY DR. K. LAXMAN

Details of the projects sanctioned under SD, SD2.0, CBDD and PRASHAD schemes in the state of Telangana

S. No.	Scheme	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Sanction Amount (₹ In Crore)
1.	SD	Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district	2015-16	91.62
2.		Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram- Medavaram-Tadvai- Damaravi- Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls	2016-17	79.87
3.		Development of Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb	2017-18	96.90
4.	SD2.0	Eco tourism zone at Ananathgiri forest	2023-24	38.00
5.		Bhongir Fort Experiential Zone	2023-24	56.82
6.	CBDD	Development of digital experience centre at Bhuddhavanam	2024-25	24.85
7.		Development of Eco-Tourism Project at Nizam Sagar	2024-25	9.98
8.	PRASHAD	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple, Alampur	2020-21	38.90
9.		Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Mulugu	2022-23	62.00
10.		Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam, Bhadradri Kothagudem District	2022-23	41.38
11.		Development of Basic Amenities at goddess Renuka Yellama Devasthanam	2024-25	4.22
