

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2384
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2025

PILGRIMAGE TOURISM IN ODISHA

2384 SHRI SUBHASISH KHUNTIA:

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

- (a) the steps taken to develop Puri as a world-class pilgrimage destination, considering its importance in the Jagannath culture;
- (b) the funds allocated under the PRASHAD scheme for developing pilgrimage sites in Odisha;
- (c) the Ministry's role in improving infrastructure and amenities for pilgrims visiting Odisha; and
- (d) the efforts to promote Odisha's pilgrimage circuits nationally and internationally?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism through its ongoing schemes of Swadesh Darshan, 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' complements the efforts of the State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs) by extending financial assistance to SGs/UTs/Central Agencies for tourism infrastructure development including the State of Odisha.

Receiving proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations for financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds.

The Ministry of Tourism as part of its ongoing endeavour promotes various tourism destinations and products of the country including Odisha through promotional activities, events, website, social media promotions, fairs and festivals, etc.

The details of the projects sanctioned under various infrastructure projects of the Ministry of Tourism including the funds sanctioned/allocated under the PRASHAD scheme is given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2384 ANSWERED ON 20.03.2025 REGARDING PILGRIMAGE TOURISM IN ODISHA RAISED BY SHRI SUBHASISH KHUNTIA

The details of Projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Odisha:

Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. Crore)	Amount released (Rs. Crore)
Infrastructure Development at Puri	50.00	10.00

The details of the sites identified under PRASHAD Scheme in Odisha:

Sr. No.	Site/Project
1	Chausath Yogini Temple, Ranipur, Jharial, Balangir District
2	Maa Kichakeswari Temple in Kiching, Mayurbhanj District

The details of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Odisha:

Sr. No.	Circuit/ Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. Crore)
1.	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82

List of the projects sanctioned under SASCI in Odisha is appended below:

Sr. No.	Project Name	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. Crore)
1	Development of Hirakund	99.90
2	Development of Satkosia	99.99

List of Projects Sanctioned under the Scheme Assistance to Central Agencies for Infrastructure Development in Odisha

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. Crore)
1.	Puri Railway Station	6.15
