

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3824**  
ANSWERED ON 03.04.2025

**TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN ODISHA**

3824 SHRI SUBHASISH KHUNTIA:

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

- (a) the current status of tourism infrastructure development projects in Odisha, including airports, roads, and hotels;
- (b) the funds allocated for infrastructure improvement in tourist destinations in Odisha over the last five years;
- (c) the challenges faced in developing infrastructure in remote tourist locations in the State; and
- (d) the Ministry's plans to collaborate with the Odisha Government to improve tourism infrastructure?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)' 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 State Governments/UT Administrations including the State of Odisha.

The scheme guidelines inter-alia provides for development of Tourist Facilitation Centre, tourist Information Centre, log huts, Amphitheatre, Foot-over Bridges, Signages, CCTVs, last mile road connectivity, façade illumination, basic amenities such as Toilets, dustbins, drinking water facilities, drainage & waste management facilities and other site development works such as benches, landscaping, flooring, railings etc. at tourist destinations.

Further, Ministry of Tourism works closely with Ministry of Road Transport and Ministry of Civil Aviation for improving road and air connectivity to tourist destinations. Under RCS UDAN, Ministry of Tourism collaborated with Ministry of Civil Aviation and shared the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) amount for 53 tourism routes identified.

The Government of India under the guidelines for Special Assistance to States/Union Territories for Capital Investment (SASCI) for Development of Iconic Tourist Centres has approved two projects in Odisha.

Details of funds sanctioned for the State of Odisha under the aforesaid schemes of Ministry of Tourism is annexed.

Ministry of Tourism work in close coordination with State Governments/UT Administrations, local authorities, and stakeholders to overcome the challenges and unlock the full potential of remote tourist destinations, making them accessible and attractive to travelers while fostering local economic growth.

Proposals from States and Union Territories seeking financial assistance under various schemes of the Ministry of Tourism are received from time to time. Funding for these projects is granted based on compliance with the stipulated provisions and the availability of funds.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3824 ANSWERED ON 03.04.2025 REGARDING TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN ODISHA RAISED BY SHRI SUBHASISH KHUNTIA**

**(i) Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Odisha is as under:**

**(Amount in ₹ crore)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Circuit / Sanction Year</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>
1	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82

**(ii) Project sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in the State Odisha is as under:**

**(Amount in ₹ crore)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Approved Cost</b>
1	Infrastructure Development at Puri	2014-15	50.00

**(iii) Projects sanctioned in the State of Odisha under the Scheme for ‘Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI Scheme) - Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale’ is as under:**

**(Amount in ₹ crore)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>
1	Development of Hirakund	2024-25	99.90
2	Development of Satkosia	2024-25	99.99

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