

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.611#**  
ANSWERED ON 04.12.2025

**DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN UTTARAKHAND**

611# SHRI MAHENDRA BHATT:

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

- (a) the number of projects approved under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme and the PRASAD Scheme in Uttarakhand along with the nature and scope of the projects;
- (b) whether Government proposes to consider additional tourism development projects in Uttarakhand in view of the State's immense tourism potential; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) The Ministry of Tourism through its ongoing schemes of 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and Swadesh Darshan, complements the efforts of the State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs) by extending financial assistance to them for developing tourism related infrastructure in the country, including Uttarakhand.

Under the PRASHAD Scheme, the Ministry has sanctioned three projects in Uttarakhand at a total sanctioned cost of Rs.145.28 Crore, for enhancing the spiritual experience of the tourists at the identified pilgrimage sites.

Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned two projects in Uttarakhand under different themes viz. Eco-Circuit and Heritage Circuit, at a total sanctioned cost of Rs.145.49 Crore.

The Swadesh Darshan scheme has been revamped as 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0' (SD 2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations. Till date, two projects have been sanctioned by the Ministry under SD 2.0 Uttarakhand at a total sanctioned cost of Rs.37.75 Crore.

In addition, the Ministry of Tourism has issued guidelines for 'Challenge Based Destination Development', a sub-scheme under Swadesh Darshan 2.0. This sub-scheme aims for holistic development of destination to enhance tourist experience across all of tourist value chain to transform

our tourist destinations as sustainable and responsible destinations. Under this sub-scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned three projects in Uttarakhand having total cost of Rs.27.58 Crore.

The details of the projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism in Uttarakhand under PRASHAD and Swadesh Darshan Scheme, are given in the Annexure.

(b) and (c): Development of tourist destinations and products, is primarily undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry complements the efforts of States/UTs by developing tourism infrastructure through various schemes and initiatives in consultation with the State Governments/ UT Administrations.

Further, 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.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT** IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 611#  
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UTTARAKHAND RAISED BY SHRI MAHENDRA BHATT

## List of Projects under PRASHAD Scheme in Uttarakhand

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost (Rs. Crore)</b>
i.	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities and Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham	54.36
ii.	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	34.77
iii.	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham	56.15
	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>145.28</b>

## List of Projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Uttarakhand

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost (Rs. Crore)</b>
i.	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, and Associated Tourism Related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri	69.17
ii.	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region - Katarmal -Jogeshwar-Baijnath-Devidhura	76.32
	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>145.49</b>

## List of Projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in Uttarakhand

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost (Rs. in Crore)</b>
i.	Rural Tourism Cluster Experience at Gunji in Pithoragarh	17.86
ii.	Tea Garden Experience in Champawat	19.89
	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>37.75</b>

## List of Projects under Challenge Based Destination Development Scheme in Uttarakhand

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost (Rs. in Crore)</b>
i.	Jadung Festive Ground	4.99
ii.	Development of Kainchi Dham Campus	17.60
iii.	Mana Haat	4.99
	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>27.58</b>

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