

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN BASTAR AND SARGUJA REGION

1423# SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

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

- (a) whether the naxal-affected Bastar and Sarguja regions have failed to develop as tourism destinations due to lack of basic amenities, despite possessing immense natural and cultural potential and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government proposes to provide a separate special package for improving connectivity, road construction and other development works under the 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme for tourist sites in the regions; and
- (c) if not, the amount allocated for connectivity, road construction and other works under the 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme for tourist sites in the regions, scheme-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and tourism products in the country including assessment of its tourism potential is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG) / Union Territory Administration (UTA). However, the Ministry of Tourism through its schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)', 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)' – a sub-scheme of SD2.0, and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments /UT Administrations; subject to adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) by them, availability of funds, Government directions, inter-se priority etc. While funds under Swadesh Darshan scheme are not sanctioned for road constructions, however, last mile connectivity is undertaken based on project requirement.

Under Swadesh Darshan scheme, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project Development of Jashpur-Kunkuri-Mainpat-Kamleshpur - Maheshpur -Kurdar - Sarodhadadar-Gangrel-Kondagaon–Nathiyawagaon-Jagdarpur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh for Rs. 96.10 crore in the year 2015-16 for development of tourism amenities and facilities; which included various regions of Chhattisgarh including Bastar and Sarguja. This project was sanctioned under Tribal Circuit theme and covered various components which featured showcasing of nature and culture of Chhattisgarh and the project included components such as Tourist Facilitation Centre, craft bazaar, log huts, wayside amenities, cafeteria, rain shelter, last-mile connectivity etc. as per project design and requirement.

Further, the Ministry has also sanctioned projects in the state of Chhattisgarh under Swadesh Darshan 2.0, CBDD and PRASHAD scheme, the details of which is as under:

Name of the Scheme	Name of the Experience/ Project	Sanction Year	Sanction Amount (in ₹ Crore)
SD2.0	Bhoramdeo Corridor Development, Kawardha	2024-25	146.00
CBDD	Development of Mayali Bagicha as Eco-Tourism Destination	2024-25	9.97
PRASHAD	Development of Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple, Dongargarh, Rajnandgaon District, Chhattisgarh	2020-21	48.44

In addition, Government of India under its initiative for ‘Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale’ scheme, has also provided financial assistance to the States including Chhattisgarh in the year 2024-25 for development of tourism projects. The details of projects sanctioned under SASCI Scheme in the State of Chhattisgarh is as under:

Name of the Experience	Sanction Year	Sanction Amount (in ₹ Crore)
Development of Chitrotpala Film City in Raipur	2024-25	95.79
Development of Tribal & Cultural Convention Centre in Raipur	2024-25	51.87
