

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.170
ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024**

PROMOTION OF TOURISM

170 SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Odisha has submitted any proposal for Development in Koraput and Rayagada Districts to the Government;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its current status;**
- (c) whether the Central Government has surveyed potential tourist sites like Deomali Hills in Koraput and plans to develop the same; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' compliments the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Government/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism under its revamped scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 has identified 57 destinations in the country for development in consultation with the State Governments including 'Koraput' & 'Debrigarh' along with special attraction of 'Khinda Village' in the State of Odisha. The guidelines of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 outline preparation of destination master plan in respect of selected destination based on benchmarking, detailed gap assessment etc. and identification of interventions and shelf of projects.
