

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.\*12  
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

**SPECIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER SASCI SCHEME**

**\*12. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBAJIRAO MANE:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved 40 projects for development of lesser known tourism sites in twenty three States in the country under Special Assistance to States/Union Territories for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT and location-wise;**
- (c) the aims and objectives of the said initiative;**
- (d) the manner in which said initiative of the Government will help local economies of the lesser known tourist destinations and in generating employment opportunities in the country; and**
- (e) the total amount of funds sanctioned and released by the Government for the said purpose?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\*12 ANSWERD ON 03.02.2025 REGARDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER SASCI SCHEME RAISED BY SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBAJIRAO MANE AND SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA**

**(a) to (d): Yes, Government of India under its 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' sanctioned 40 projects in 23 States for ₹3295.76 Crore in the country in Financial Year 2024-25, with the primary objective to comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding and marketing them at global scale. Salient features of this endeavour include developing end to end tourist experience, funding support to the shortlisted proposals, strengthening all points of the tourist value chain, harnessing quality expertise for design and development, sustainable operations and maintenance etc. The details of the projects sanctioned under this scheme is Annexed.**

**The Ministry of Tourism issued operational guidelines to all States for submission of project proposals. On receipt of the project proposals from the State Governments, the same were evaluated on the given parameters such as connectivity to the site, tourism eco-system, carrying capacity, sustainability measures, sustainable operation and management, project impact and value created, tourism marketing plans etc. Since the project impact and value created segment of the project proposals covered elements related to estimated job creation, private investment etc., hence it is expected that the scheme may help local economies and generation of employment at the destinations, where projects have been sanctioned.**

**(e): The total amount of funds sanctioned and released by the Government for the said purpose are ₹3295.76 Crore and ₹2175.20 Crore respectively.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\*12 ANSWERD ON 03.02.2025 REGARDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER SASCI SCHEME RAISED BY SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE AND SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA****List of Projects sanctioned under 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale'**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Cost (in ₹ Crore)</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>1. Gandikota - Enriching the Fort and Gorge Experience</b>	<b>77.91</b>
		<b>2. Akhanda Godavari: (Havelock Bridge &amp; Pushkar Ghat), Rajamahendravaram</b>	<b>94.44</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>3. Siang Adventure &amp; Eco-Retreat, Pasighat</b>	<b>46.48</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>4. Assam State Zoo Cum Botanical Garden, Guwahati</b>	<b>97.12</b>
		<b>5. Beautification of Rang Ghar at Sivasagar</b>	<b>94.76</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>6. Development of Matsyagandha Lake, Saharsa</b>	<b>97.61</b>
		<b>7. Karamchat Eco-Tourism and Adventure Hub</b>	<b>49.51</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>8. Development of Chitrotpala Film City</b>	<b>95.79</b>
		<b>9. Development of Tribal &amp; Cultural Convention Centre</b>	<b>51.87</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>10. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Museum, Ponda</b>	<b>97.46</b>
		<b>11. Proposed Townsquare, Povorim</b>	<b>90.74</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>12. Ecotourism Destination at Kerly (Mokarsagar), Porbandar</b>	<b>99.50</b>
		<b>13. Tented City and Convention Centre, Dhordo</b>	<b>51.56</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Jharkhand</b>	<b>14. Eco-Tourism Development of Tilaiyya, Koderma</b>	<b>34.87</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>15. Ecotourism &amp; Cultural Hub at Roerich and Devika Rani Estate</b>	<b>99.17</b>

		<b>Tataguni, Bengaluru</b>	
		<b>16. Development of Savadatti Yallammagudda, Belgavi</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>17. Ashtamudi Biodiversity and Eco-recreational Hub, Kollam</b>	<b>59.71</b>
		<b>18. Sargaalaya: Global Gateway to Malabar's Cultural Crucible</b>	<b>95.34</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>19. Orchha A Medieval Splendour</b>	<b>99.92</b>
		<b>20. International Convention Centre for MICE in Bhopal</b>	<b>99.38</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>21. Ex-INS Guldar Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef, and Submarine Tourism, Sindhudurg</b>	<b>46.91</b>
		<b>22. Development of "RAM-KAL PATH" at Nashik</b>	<b>99.14</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>23. Loktak Lake Experience</b>	<b>89.48</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>24. MICE Infrastructure at Mawkhanu, Shillong</b>	<b>99.27</b>
		<b>25. Re-development of Umiam Lake, Shillong</b>	<b>99.27</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Odisha</b>	<b>26. Development of Hirakud</b>	<b>99.90</b>
		<b>27. Development of Satkosia</b>	<b>99.99</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>28. Development of Heritage Street, SBS Nagar</b>	<b>53.45</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>29. Development at Amber-Nahargarh and surrounding Area, Jaipur</b>	<b>49.31</b>
		<b>30. Development at Jal Mahal, Jaipur</b>	<b>96.61</b>
<b>18.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>31. Skywalk, Bhaleydhunga, Yangang, Namchi</b>	<b>97.37</b>
		<b>32. Border Experience, Nathula</b>	<b>68.19</b>
<b>19.</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>33. Nandavanam Heritage Park at Mamallapuram</b>	<b>99.67</b>
		<b>34. Garden of flowers at Devala, Ooty</b>	<b>70.23</b>
<b>20.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>35. Ramappa Region Sustainable Tourism Circuit</b>	<b>73.74</b>
		<b>36. Somasilla Wellness &amp; Spiritual Retreat Nallamala</b>	<b>68.10</b>
<b>21.</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>37. 51 Shakti Peethas Park at Banduar, Gomati</b>	<b>97.70</b>
<b>22.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>38. Development of Bateshwar, District-Agra</b>	<b>74.05</b>

		<b>39. Integrated Buddhist Tourism Development, Shrawasti</b>	<b>80.24</b>
<b>23.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>40. Iconic City Rishikesh: Rafting Base Station</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>3,295.76</b>

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