

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1054
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025**

FUNDS FOR TOURISM SCHEMES IN GUJARAT

1054.SHRI RAJESH NARANBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allotted under various schemes of the Government for the State of Gujarat, particularly to Junagadh district which has rich and abundant tourist places and eco tourism;**
- (b) the details of projects undertaken in the State for fostering sustainable and responsible centric approaches to improve tourism infrastructure; and**
- (c) whether more funds are allotted under various schemes for the State, in view of a lot of potential for tourism development and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism under the schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for the development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities at various tourism destinations in the country including Gujarat.

In the Swadesh Darshan Scheme a project 'Development of Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana' under the Buddhist Circuit theme was sanctioned in the year 2017-18, at a cost of Rs.26.68 Crore.

Under 'Scheme for Special Assistance to States/Union Territories for Capital Investment (SASCI) - Development of Iconic Tourist Centers to Global Scale', Government of India has recently sanctioned 40 Projects in the country for Rs.3295.76 Crore. The scheme envisages local economy growth and creation of employment opportunities through sustainable tourism projects.

The details of projects sanctioned under the above-mentioned schemes in the State of Gujarat are given at Annexure.

Proposals are received from States/UTs from time to time for seeking financial assistance under the various schemes of the Ministry of Tourism. These proposals are extended for projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated provisions and availability of funds.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1054 ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025 REGARDING FUNDS FOR TOURISM SCHEMES IN GUJARAT RAISED BY SHRI RAJESH NARANBHAI CHUDASAMA****Swadesh Darshan****(Rs. in Crore)**

| S. No. | Circuit | Sanction Year | Name of the Project | Amount Sanctioned | Amount Released/ Authorized |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Heritage Circuit | 2016-17 | Development of Ahmedabad- Porbandar Dandi Rajkot- Bardoli- | 59.17 | 56.21 |
| 2 | Heritage Circuit | 2016-17 | Development of Vadnagar- Modhera | 91.12 | 87.25 |
| 3 | Buddhist Circuit | 2017-18 | Development of Junagadh- GirSomnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana | 26.68 | 22.28 |

PRASHAD**(Rs. in Crore)**

| S. No. | Project Name | Sanction Year | Approved Cost | Amount Released |
|---------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Development of Dwarka | 2016-17 | 10.46 | 10.46 |
| 2 | Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath | 2016-17 | 45.36 | 45.36 |
| 3 | Development of Promenade at Somnath | 2018-19 | 47.12 | 47.12 |
| 4 | Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple | 2022-23 | 50.00 | 10.54 |

Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI Scheme) - Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale

| S. No. | Name of the Project | Sanctioned Cost (Rs. in Crore.) | Date of Sanction |
|---------------|--|--|-------------------------|
| 1 | Ecotourism Destination at Kerly (Mokarsagar) in Porbandar | 99.50 | 26-11-2024 |
| 2 | Tented City and Convention Centre in Dhordo | 51.56 | 26-11-2024 |
