

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+3792
ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025**

DEVELOPMNET OF TOURIST SITES IN CHHATTISGARH

+3792. SHRI BRIJMOHAN AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any action plan to develop major tourist sites of Chhattisgarh such as Chitrakoot Waterfall, Sirpur, Bastar, Maitrya Culture Centre, etc. as world class tourist sites;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to release special package to promote religious, cultural and eco-tourism;**
- (c) whether the Government is implementing any concrete plan to strengthen the infrastructure such as road, transport, hotel and security facilities at the tourist sites of the State;**
- (d) whether the Government is providing special grants for preservation and reconstruction of historical sites of Chhattisgarh;**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to introduce special training and financial assistance schemes for the local artisans, artists and guides related to tourism in Chhattisgarh; and**
- (f) whether the Government is running any special publicity campaign at international level to attract foreign tourists?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (f): Development of tourism including formulation of plan to strengthen tourism infrastructure at tourist sites is undertaken by the concerned State Government/UT Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism under its 'Swadesh Darshan' & 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' schemes provides financial assistance to State Government/UT Administration for undertaking tourism related projects. Such assistance is provided on receipt of the project proposals from the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations and subject to its adherence to the scheme guidelines,

instructions issued by the Government from time to time, availability of budget, inter-se priority etc.

The Ministry since inception of Swadesh Darshan scheme in 2014-15 sanctioned a total number of 76 projects under different thematic circuits for ₹5287.90 Crore including 1 project in the State of Chhattisgarh.

Under ‘Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 48 projects in the country for Rs.1620.21 Crore including 1 Project in the State of Chhattisgarh.

Further, 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 Rs.3295.76 Crore including 2 projects in the State of Chhattisgarh, in Financial Year 2024-25.

The details of the projects sanctioned in the State of Chhattisgarh under Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and SASCI schemes is Annexed.

At present, there is no special training and financial assistance scheme for the local artisans, artists and guides related to tourism in Chhattisgarh. However, the Ministry under its “Hunar Se Rozgar Tak” programme under the Capacity Building for Service Providers” scheme envisages financial assistance to various State Governments and empanelled private institutes, etc. across the country to conduct tourism and hospitality related skill development training programmes including vocational trade or craft.

The Ministry of Tourism is also running the Incredible India Tourist Facilitator (IITF) Certification Programme - a digital initiative that aims at creating an Online learning platform with the objective of creating a pool of well trained and professional Tourist Facilitators/Guides across the country which also includes lesser known tourist destinations in the country. This Incredible India Tourist Facilitator (IITF) Certification Programme offers Basic, Advanced- IITG (Heritage and Adventure), Spoken foreign language and Refresher courses for candidates.

Ministry undertakes various promotional activities in important and potential tourists generating markets in association with the Travel Trade, State Governments and Indian Missions overseas to promote India as destination.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+3792 ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMNET OF TOURIST SITES IN CHHATTISGARH RAISED BY SHRI BRIJMOHAN AGRAWAL**

List of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan, Swadesh Darshan 2.0, PRASHAD and SASCI in the State of Chhattisgarh are as under

Swadesh Darshan scheme		
Circuit/ Year of sanction	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned (₹ in Crore)
Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Jashpur- Kunkuri- Mainpat- Kamleshpur - Maheshpur -Kurdar - Sarodhadadar- Gangrel- Kondagaon- Nathiyanawagaon- Jagdalpur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh	96.10
PRASHAD		
2020-21	Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple	44.84
SASCI		
2024-25	Development of Chitrotpala Film City in Raipur	95.79
2024-25	Development of Tribal & Cultural Convention Centre in Raipur	51.87
