GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1151 ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025

PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN UNION TERRITORIES

†1151. SHRI SATISH KUMAR GAUTAM:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any concrete steps to promote new tourism circuits in the Union Territories;
- (b) whether the Government has made any efforts to promote ecotourism in Union Territories Located in islands; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, including new tourism circuits and eco-tourism is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration.

The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of Swadesh Darshan, Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development 'extends financial assistance to the State Governments/ UT Administrations for tourism infrastructure development in the country. The central financial assistance is being extended according to guidelines and based on proposals/detailed project reports received from the States and UT Governments. The details of projects sanctioned in Union Territories located in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep are given at Annexure.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1151 ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025 REGARDING PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN UNION TERRITORIES RAISED BY SHRI SATISH KUMAR GAUTAM

The details of projects sanctioned in the UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands:

S. No.	Name of Project	Sanction Cost (₹ Crore)
A	Swadesh Darshan 1.0	
i.	Development of Long Island-Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair	27.57
	Total Sanction Cost	27.57

The details of projects sanctioned in the UT of Lakshadweep:

S. No.	Name of Project	Sanction Cost (₹ Crore)
	Swadesh Darshan 2.0	
i.	Development Of Eco-Retreat, Adventure, Beach and Mice Experience at Bangaram (March 25)	81.18
	Total Sanction Cost	81.18
