

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1354  
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025**

**DEVELOPMENT OF ICONIC TOURIST SITES**

**1354. DR. RAJ KUMAR CHABBEWAL:**

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

- (a) the details of the tourist destinations selected as 'Iconic Tourist Sites' by the Government along with the criteria/norms adopted for the selection of these destinations;**
- (b) the total expenditure to be incurred on the project, the time frame and the benefits likely to be accrued to the tourism industry from this initiative of the Government;**
- (c) whether the Government intend to expand the list of tourist destinations to be developed as Iconic Tourist Sites in the country; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise especially in Punjab and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (d): Development and promotion of tourism destinations and products is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA).**

**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 including Punjab 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. The projects were identified based on the proposals received from the concerned State Government and parameters formalized in this regard. The**

**projects under SASCI initiative are being implemented by the respective State Governments and funds for this purpose have been sanctioned / released by the Department of Expenditure to the respective State Governments. The details of the projects sanctioned under this scheme in the country including Punjab along with the fund released is annexed.**

**Presently, there is no proposal to sanction more number of projects under SASCI scheme. However, the Ministry of Tourism under its central sector schemes of Swadesh Darshan (SD), Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) & its sub-scheme of 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' provides financial assistance the State Governments / UT Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure and experiences in the country on receipt of the project proposals from the concerned SGs/UTAs under the relevant schemes in synergy with the scheme guidelines, Government instructions, availability of funds etc. Accordingly, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 76 projects for ₹5290.33 Crore under SD, 53 projects for ₹2208.27 Crore under SD2.0, 36 projects for ₹648.11 Crore under CBDD and 54 projects for ₹1726.74 Crore in PRASHAD scheme in the country including the state of Punjab.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1354 ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF ICONIC TOURIST SITES RAISED BY DR. RAJ KUMAR CHABBEWAL**

**Details of Project sanctioned under 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' scheme:**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Year of Sanction</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost (₹ Crores)</b>	<b>Amount Released 66% (₹ Crores)</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Enriching the fort and Gorge Experience in Gandikota</b>	<b>77.91</b>	<b>113.75</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Akhanda Godavari-(Havelok Bridge &amp; Pushkar Ghat) in Raja Mahendravaram,</b>	<b>94.44</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Siang Adventure &amp; Eco-Retreat in Pasighat</b>	<b>46.48</b>	<b>30.67</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Assam State Zoo Cum Botanical Garden in Guwahati</b>	<b>97.12</b>	<b>126.64</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Beautification of Rang Ghar in Sivasagar</b>	<b>94.76</b>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Development of Matsyagandha Lake in Saharsa</b>	<b>97.61</b>	<b>97.09</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Karamchat Eco-Tourism and Adventure Hub in Karamchat</b>	<b>49.51</b>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Development of Chitrotpala Film City in Raipur</b>	<b>95.79</b>	<b>97.45</b>

9.	Chhattisgarh	2024-25	Development of Tribal & Cultural Convention Centre in Raipur	51.87	
10.	Goa	2024-25	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Museum in Ponda	97.46	124.21
11.	Goa	2024-25	Townsquare in Porvorim	90.74	
12.	Gujarat	2024-25	Ecotourism Destination at Kerly (Mokarsagar) in Porbandar	99.50	99.69
13.	Gujarat	2024-25	Tented City and Convention Centre in Dhordo	51.56	
14.	Jharkhand	2024-25	Eco-Tourism Development of Tilaiyya” in Koderma	34.87	23.01
15.	Karnataka	2024-25	Ecotourism & Cultural Hub at Roerich and Devika Rani Estate Tataguni in Bengaluru	99.17	131.45
16.	Karnataka	2024-25	Development of Savadatti Yallammagudda in Belgavi	100.00	
17.	Kerala	2024-25	Ashtamudi Biodiversity and Eco-recreational Hub in Kollam	59.71	102.33
18.	Kerala	2024-25	Global Gateway to Malabar's Cultural Crucible in Sargaalaya	95.34	
19.	Madhya Pradesh	2024-25	Orchha A Medieval Splendour in Orchha	99.92	131.53
20.	Madhya Pradesh	2024-25	International Convention Centre for MICE in Bhopal	99.38	
21.	Maharashtra	2024-25	INS-Guldar Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef,	46.91	96.39

			<b>and submarine Tourism in Sindhudurg</b>		
<b>22.</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Development of RAM-KAL PATH in Nashik</b>	<b>99.14</b>	
<b>23.</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Loktak Lake Experience in Loktak</b>	<b>89.48</b>	<b>59.05</b>
<b>24.</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>MICE Infrastructure in Mawkhanu</b>	<b>99.27</b>	<b>131.03</b>
<b>25.</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Redevelopment of Umiam Lake in Shillong</b>	<b>99.27</b>	
<b>26.</b>	<b>Odisha</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Development of Hirakund</b>	<b>99.90</b>	<b>131.92</b>
<b>27.</b>	<b>Odisha</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Development of Satkosia</b>	<b>99.99</b>	
<b>28.</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Development of Heritage Street as a tribute to Shaheed-e-Azam, Sardar Bhaghat Singh at Khatkar Kalan in SBS Nagar</b>	<b>53.45</b>	<b>35.27</b>
<b>29.</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Development at Amber-Nahargarh and Surrounding Area in Jaipur</b>	<b>49.31</b>	<b>96.30</b>
<b>30.</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Development at Jalmahal in Jaipur</b>	<b>96.61</b>	
<b>31.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Skywalk, Bhaleydhunga, Yangang in Namchi</b>	<b>97.37</b>	<b>109.26</b>
<b>32.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Border Experience in Nathula</b>	<b>68.19</b>	
<b>33.</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Development of Nandavanam Heritage Park in Mammallapuram</b>	<b>99.67</b>	<b>112.13</b>
<b>34.</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Eco Park at Race Course in Ooty</b>	<b>70.23</b>	
<b>35.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Ramappa Region Sustainable Tourism Circuit in Ramappa</b>	<b>73.74</b>	<b>93.61</b>

<b>36.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Somasilla Wellness &amp; Spiritual Retreat in Nallamala</b>	<b>68.10</b>	
<b>37.</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Shakti Peethas Park at Banduar in Gomati</b>	<b>97.70</b>	<b>64.48</b>
<b>38.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Development of Bateshwar in District-Agra</b>	<b>74.05</b>	<b>101.83</b>
<b>39.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Integrated Buddhist Tourism Development in Shrawasti</b>	<b>80.24</b>	
<b>40.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Iconic City Rishikesh: Rafting Base Station in Rishikesh</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>66.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>3295.76</b>	<b>2,175.09</b>

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