

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2381  
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025**

**PROJECTS FOR KORAPUT AND RAYAGADA UNDER SDS 2.0/PRASHAD**

**2381. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:**

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

- (a) whether projects have been sanctioned for Koraput and Rayagada under Swadesh Darshan (SDS) 2.0/Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD), if so, the details of the sites, funds and completion timelines;**
- (b) the status of basic amenities such as road access, toilets, safe viewpoints, drinking water, waste management and digital services such as (last-mile connectivity, SOS, e-ticketing);**
- (c) the details of the targets for community homestays/craft hubs (e.g. Kotpad) and local/Scheduled Tribes employment and enterprise share;**
- (d) whether carrying-capacity, Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) and safety audits of landslide/flash-flood, bridges/cliff edges have been completed; and**
- (e) whether an integrated single-window mechanism with site-wise milestones (2024–26) will be notified, with outcomes on footfall, stays and artisan sales?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (e): Development of tourist destinations and tourism products including basic amenities, connectivity, carrying capacity and safety assessments are primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG) / Union Territory Administration (UTA). However, the Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)', 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)' –a sub-scheme of SD2.0, 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development**

**(ACATID)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations/Central Agencies; subject to adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), availability of funds, inter-se priority etc.**

**In addition, Government of India under its initiative for 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI)-Development of Iconic Tourist Centre to Global Scale' has also provided financial assistance to the States for development of tourism related projects.**

**No proposal specific for Koraput or Rayagada has been sanctioned by the Ministry under the above mentioned schemes.**

**Targets for community homestays, craft hubs or local/Scheduled Tribes employment and enterprise share are primarily planned and implemented by the concerned SGs/UTAs as part of their tourism and livelihood development strategies. Ministry of Tourism has not set any scheme-specific targets for these parameters.**

**No such proposal for an integrated single-window mechanism with site-wise milestones for the period 2024–26, including outcomes on footfall, stays and artisan sales, is under consideration.**

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