

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2608
ANSWERED ON 09.03.2026**

DEVELOPMENT OF DESTINATIONS UNDER SASCI

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any plan under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme to develop lesser known destinations of cultural importance and having no transportation and lodging facilities for tourists;**
- (b) whether the Government has identified such important places and prepared their list with a view point of tourism, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;**
- (c) the details of the budget provision made by the Government for the development of the said cultural tourism sites; and**
- (d) whether the Government has made any assessment/study of the growth of employment generation and local economy due to such cultural tourism sites, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of tourism including assessment of employment generation is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA). With the aim to develop iconic tourist centres in the country, the Ministry of Tourism issued operational guidelines along with detailed project report template under Special Assistance to the States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme. The objective of the scheme envisages the local economy growth and creation of employment opportunities through sustainable tourism projects.

As per the guidelines, the proposals were invited from the SGs for considering financial assistance to the States under the scheme. The parameters formulated for examining the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs)

submitted by the States covered connectivity to the site, existing tourism eco-system at site/destination, carrying capacity, availability of utility services, project impact and value envisaged which included expected increase in tourist footfall, increase tourist spend, new employment opportunities, attracting private investment etc. Accordingly, 40 projects including at culturally important sites were sanctioned by the Government of India under the scheme for ₹3295.76 Crore in the financial year 2024-25 with 100% central funding and the details of these projects is annexed.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2608 ANSWERED ON 09.03.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF DESTINATIONS UNDER SASCI RAISED BY DR. SAMBIT PATRA**

List of projects sanctioned in 2024-25 under Special assistance to states for capital investment (SASCI Scheme) - Development of iconic tourist centres to global scale:

S. No.	State	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost (₹ Crore)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2024-25	Enriching the Fort and Gorge Experience in Gandikota	77.91
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2024-25	Akhanda Godavari- (Havelok Bridge & Pushkar Ghat) in Raja Mahendravaram	94.44
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	2024-25	Siang Adventure & Eco-Retreat in Pasighat	46.48
4.	Assam	2024-25	Assam State Zoo Cum Botanical Garden in Guwahati	97.12
5.	Assam	2024-25	Beautification of Rang Ghar in Sivasagar	94.76
6.	Bihar	2024-25	Development of Matsyagandha Lake in Saharsa	97.61
7.	Bihar	2024-25	Karamchat Eco-Tourism and Adventure Hub in Karamchat	49.51
8.	Chhattisgarh	2024-25	Development of Chitrotpala Film City in Raipur	95.79
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
11.	Goa	2024-25	Townsquare in Porvorim	90.74
12.	Gujarat	2024-25	Ecotourism Destination at Kerly (Mokarsagar) in Porbandar	99.50
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
15.	Karnataka	2024-25	Ecotourism & Cultural Hub at Roerich and Devika Rani Estate Tataguni in Bengaluru	99.17
16.	Karnataka	2024-25	Development of SavadattiYallammagudda in Belgavi	100.00
17.	Kerala	2024-25	Ashtamudi Biodiversity and Eco-recreational Hub in Kollam	59.71
18.	Kerala	2024-25	Global Gateway to Malabar's Cultural Crucible in Sargaalayaa	95.34
19.	Madhya Pradesh	2024-25	Orchha A Medieval Splendour in Orchha	99.92
20.	Madhya Pradesh	2024-25	International Convention Centre for MICE in Bhopal	99.38
21.	Maharashtra	2024-25	INS-Guldar Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef, and submarine Tourism in Sindhudurg	46.91
22.	Maharashtra	2024-25	Development of RAM-KAL PATH in Nashik	99.14
23.	Manipur	2024-25	Loktak Lake Experience in Loktak	89.48
24.	Meghalaya	2024-25	MICE Infrastructure in Mawkhanu	99.27
25.	Meghalaya	2024-25	Redevelopment of Umiam Lake in Shillong	99.27
26.	Odisha	2024-25	Development of Hirakund	99.90
27.	Odisha	2024-25	Development of Satkosia	99.99
28.	Punjab	2024-25	Development of Heritage Street as a tribute to Shaheed-e-Azam, Sardar Bhaghat Singh at Khatkar Kalan in SBS Nagar	53.45
29.	Rajasthan	2024-25	Development at Amber-Nahargarh and Surrounding Area in Jaipur	49.31
30.	Rajasthan	2024-25	Development at Jal Mahal in Jaipur	96.61
31.	Sikkim	2024-25	Skywalk, Bhaleydhunga, Yangang in Namchi	97.37
32.	Sikkim	2024-25	Border Experience in Nathula	68.19
33.	Tamil Nadu	2024-25	Development of Nandavanam Heritage Park in Mammallapuram	99.67

34.	Tamil Nadu	2024-25	Eco Park at Race Course in Ooty	70.23
35.	Telangana	2024-25	Ramappa Region Sustainable Tourism Circuit in Ramappa	73.74
36.	Telangana	2024-25	Somasilla Wellness & Spiritual Retreat in Nallamala	68.10
37.	Tripura	2024-25	Shakti Peethas Park at Banduar in Gomati	97.70
38.	Uttar Pradesh	2024-25	Development of Bateshwar in District-Agra	74.05
39.	Uttar Pradesh	2024-25	Integrated Buddhist Tourism Development in Shrawasti	80.24
40.	Uttarakhand	2024-25	Iconic City Rishikesh: Rafting Base Station in Rishikesh	100.00
Total				3295.76
