

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2435
ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026**

INTEGRATED TOURISM DEVELOPMENT OF ROHTASGARH FORT

2435. SHRI RAJA RAM SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Bihar for the integrated tourism development of Rohtasgarh Fort under Swadesh Darshan 2.0, Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), PRASHAD or any other Central scheme and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of proposals received, approved or pending along with the funds sanctioned and released during the last five years;**
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any assessment of tourism infrastructure gaps at Rohtasgarh Fort, including road connectivity, visitor amenities, interpretation centres, digital ticketing, sanitation, accommodation and emergency services and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the expected employment opportunities likely to be generated for local youth through tourism, hospitality, handicrafts and allied services?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Tourism through its schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)', 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)' – a sub-scheme of SD2.0, and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development of the State Governments (SGs)/Union Territory Administrations (UTAs) by extending financial assistance; subject to adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) by them, availability of funds, Government directions, 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 Centres to Global Scale’ scheme, has also provided financial assistance to the States including Bihar in the year 2024-25 for development of tourism projects.

Assessment and Identification of infrastructure gaps including road connectivity, visitor amenities, interpretation centres, digital ticketing, sanitation, accommodation and emergency services, is primarily undertaken by the concerned SGs/UTAs at the time of formulating DPR by them before submission to the Ministry.

Submission of project proposals by SG/UTA, including the Government of Bihar, for tourism infrastructure development is a continuous process. At present, no proposal for the integrated tourism development of Rohtasgarh Fort is under consideration in the Ministry of Tourism.

Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned multiple projects under aforesaid schemes in the state of Bihar. Details of the projects sanctioned under SD, SD2.0, CBDD, PRASHAD and SASCI schemes in the state of Bihar is annexed.

The Ministry regularly encourages State Governments/ UT Administrations to engage with local communities and to ensure robust operation & management (O&M) of completed projects so as to increase footfall, generate local employment and enhance overall tourist satisfaction.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2435 ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026 REGARDING INTEGRATED TOURISM DEVELOPMENT OF ROHTASGARH FORT RAISED BY SHRI RAJA RAM SINGH****(i) Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Bihar:****(Amount in ₹Crore)**

S. No.	Circuit/ Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Released/ Authorized
1.	Tirthankar 2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad-Patna-Rajgir-Pawapuri- Champapuri	33.96	29.36
2.	Spiritual 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala-Deoghar	44.76	42.17
3.	Buddhist 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centreat Bodhgaya	95.18	95.18
4.	Rural 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandraha-Turkaulia	44.27	40.31
5.	Spiritual 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill &Ang Pradesh	44.55	42.32

(ii) Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in the State of Bihar:**(Amount in ₹Crore)**

S.N.	Year of Sanction	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Authorized
1.	2024-25	Bodh Gaya	Development of the Buddhist Meditation & Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya	165.44	16.54

(iii) Details of Project sanctioned under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme in the State of Bihar:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

S.N.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Released/ Authorized
1.	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62	29.62
2.	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	2014-15	3.63	3.63
3.	Development of Ambika Bhawani Temple, Saran	2024-25	13.29	--

(iv) Details of Project sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme in the State of Bihar:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

S.N.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Category	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Authorized
1.	2024-25	Development of Sonapur Fair Site	Saran Dist. (Sonapur Fair) (Culture & Heritage)	24.29	2.43

(v) Details of Project sanctioned under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme in the State of Bihar:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

S.N.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Released
1.	2024-25	Development of Matsyagandha Lake in Saharsa	97.61	97.09
2.	2024-25	Karamchat Eco-Tourism and Adventure Hub in Karamchat	49.51	
