

Research Advancement (SERB-SUPRA); Bhaskara Advanced Solar Energy (BASE) Fellowship; Building Energy Efficiency Higher & Advanced Network (BHAVAN) Fellowship; Water Advanced Research and Innovation(WARI) Fellowship; and Women Scientist Scheme (WSS) focusing women with career breaks.

#### **Development and promotion of tourism in Odisha**

2546. SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes implemented/being implemented by Government for the development and promotion of tourism in Odisha;

(b) the number of tourist places selected/identified in the State of Odisha during the last five years for development and promotion of tourism, the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred by Government during the last three years for the said purpose;

(c) the details of the projects formulated and implemented so far; and

(d) whether Government has received any proposal for sanction of funds under Swadesh Darshan Scheme, if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) to (d) Development of Tourism is the responsibility of respective State Governments/U.T. Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, under the schemes viz., Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and "Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuit in the Country, Swadesh Darshan (SD)" provides Central Financial Assistance for infrastructure development and beautification of Tourist Places/ Pilgrimage Centres on receipt of suitable DPRs submitted by State Governments/Union Territories, subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilisation certificate against the fund released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines.

Based on the proposal received from the State Government of Odisha the following projects have been sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism.

(i) "Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham- Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit" sanctioned in 2014-15 at

the cost of ₹50.00 Crore, under PRASHAD Scheme. The amount ₹ 10.00 Crore has been released so far.

- (ii) "Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara" as Odisha Coastal Circuit sanctioned in 2016-17 under Swadesh Darshan scheme at the cost of ₹70.82 Crore. The amount ₹37.61 Crore has been released so far.

Ministry of Tourism promotes India as a holistic destination and as part of its on-going activities, annually releases domestic and international print, electronic and online media campaigns under the 'Incredible India' brand-line, to promote various tourism destinations and products in the different States and Union Territories of the country including in the state of Odisha. Promotions are also undertaken through the website and Social Media accounts of the Ministry. In addition, the India Tourism Offices in India and overseas undertake various promotional activities with the objective of showcasing the tourism potential of the different States.

#### **Upgradation of Food Craft Institute at Baran in Rajasthan**

2547. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to upgrade Food Craft Institute, Baran, Jhalawar to State Institute of Hotel Management in Rajasthan;
- (b) whether any such request has been received from Rajasthan Government, if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any decision to upgrade Food Craft Institute, Baran, Jhalawar to State Institute of Hotel Management; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) to (d) Yes Sir, based on the proposal received from Government of Rajasthan, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India sanctioned project for establishing of FCI, Baran in November 2015 with Central Financial Assistance of ₹6.45 crores. The construction is under progress.