

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.956**  
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2021

**DEVELOPING THEME-BASED TOURIST CIRCUITS IN ODISHA**

956. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government has identified any place in Odisha to develop as theme-based tourist circuits under Swadesh Darshan Scheme; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (b): Development of tourist destinations is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments / Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism under 'Swadesh Darshan' Scheme has identified 15 themes under which financial assistance is provided to the State Governments/ UT Administrations/ Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure all over the country. In so far as Odisha is concerned, the Ministry of Tourism under this scheme has sanctioned a project 'Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara' in the State of Odisha under coastal theme for an amount of Rs. 70.82 Crore in the year 2016-17.

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