

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.776**  
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**ICONIC TOURIST SITES IN ODISHA**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has identified iconic tourist sites in the State of Odisha, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry has received proposals by the State Government of Odisha for the inclusion of iconic tourist sites from the State of Odisha; and
- (c) the details of the selection criteria for iconic tourist sites identified by the Ministry?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): Development of tourism destinations is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, however, the Ministry of Tourism complements these efforts by providing financial assistance to them. The Ministry has revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations. As per the SD 2.0 guidelines, the State Governments/UT Administrations prepare State Perspective Plan analysing tourism potential of various destinations on different parameters and the Ministry of Tourism selects destination for development as per the procedure stipulated in the guidelines. The Ministry has notified 57 destinations in the country for development under SD 2.0 including Koraput & Debrigarh along with special attraction of 'Khinda Village' in Odisha.

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