

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.462**  
ANSWERED ON 06.02.2025

**DEVELOPMENT OF LESSER KNOWN TOURISM SITES**

462 SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether Government has approved 40 projects for development of lesser known tourism sites in 23 States under Special Assistance to States/Union Territories for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and site-wise;
- (c) the aims and objective of the said initiative;
- (d) the manner in which said initiative of Government will help local economies of the less known tourist destination and generate employment opportunities in the country; and
- (e) the total amount of funds sanctioned and released by Government for the said purpose?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Yes, Government of India under its 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' sanctioned 40 projects in 23 States for ₹3295.76 Crore in the country in Financial Year 2024-25, with the primary objective to comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding and marketing them at global scale. The details of the projects sanctioned under this scheme is Annexed.

The project impact and value created segment of the project proposals covered elements related to estimated job creation, private investment etc., hence it is expected that the scheme may help local economies and generation of employment at the destinations, where projects have been sanctioned.

(e): The total amount of funds sanctioned and released by the Government for the said purpose are ₹3295.76 Crore and ₹2175.20 Crore respectively.

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**ANNEXURE**

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.462 ANSWERD ON 06.02.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF LESSER KNOWN TOURISM SITES RAISED BY SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN

**List of Projects sanctioned under ‘Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale’:-**

S. No.	State	Project Name	Cost (in ₹ Crore)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1. Gandikota - Enriching the Fort and Gorge Experience	77.91
		2. Akhanda Godavari: (Havelock Bridge & Pushkar Ghat), Rajamahendravaram	94.44
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3. Siang Adventure & Eco-Retreat, Pasighat	46.48
3.	Assam	4. Assam State Zoo Cum Botanical Garden, Guwahati	97.12
		5. Beautification of Rang Ghar at Sivasagar	94.76
4.	Bihar	6. Development of Matsyagandha Lake, Saharsa	97.61
		7. Karamchat Eco-Tourism and Adventure Hub	49.51
5.	Chhattisgarh	8. Development of Chitrotpala Film City	95.79
		9. Development of Tribal & Cultural Convention Centre	51.87
6.	Goa	10. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Museum, Ponda	97.46
		11. Proposed Townsquare, Povorim	90.74
7.	Gujarat	12. Ecotourism Destination at Kerly (Mokarsagar), Porbandar	99.50
		13. Tented City and Convention Centre, Dhordo	51.56
8.	Jharkhand	14. Eco-Tourism Development of Tilaiyya, Koderma	34.87
9.	Karnataka	15. Ecotourism & Cultural Hub at Roerich and Devika Rani Estate Tataguni, Bengaluru	99.17
		16. Development of Savadatti Yallammagudda, Belgavi	100.00
10.	Kerala	17. Ashtamudi Biodiversity and Eco-recreational Hub, Kollam	59.71
		18. Sargaalaya: Global Gateway to Malabar's Cultural Crucible	95.34

11.	Madhya Pradesh	19. Orchha A Medieval Splendour	99.92
		20. International Convention Centre for MICE in Bhopal	99.38
12.	Maharashtra	21. Ex-INS Guldar Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef, and Submarine Tourism, Sindhudurg	46.91
		22. Development of "RAM-KAL PATH" at Nashik	99.14
13.	Manipur	23. Loktak Lake Experience	89.48
14.	Meghalaya	24. MICE Infrastructure at Mawkhanu, Shillong	99.27
		25. Re-development of Uiam Lake, Shillong	99.27
15.	Odisha	26. Development of Hirakud	99.90
		27. Development of Satkosia	99.99
16.	Punjab	28. Development of Heritage Street, SBS Nagar	53.45
17.	Rajasthan	29. Development at Amber-Nahargarh and surrounding Area, Jaipur	49.31
		30. Development at Jal Mahal, Jaipur	96.61
18.	Sikkim	31. Skywalk, Bhaleydhunga, Yangang, Namchi	97.37
		32. Border Experience, Nathula	68.19
19.	Tamil Nadu	33. Nandavanam Heritage Park at Mamallapuram	99.67
		34. Garden of flowers at Devala, Ooty	70.23
20.	Telangana	35. Ramappa Region Sustainable Tourism Circuit	73.74
		36. Somasilla Wellness & Spiritual Retreat Nallamala	68.10
21.	Tripura	37. 51 Shakti Peethas Park at Banduar, Gomati	97.70
22.	Uttar Pradesh	38. Development of Bateshwar, District- Agra	74.05
		39. Integrated Buddhist Tourism Development, Shrawasti	80.24
23.	Uttarakhand	40. Iconic City Rishikesh: Rafting Base Station	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>3,295.76</b>

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