

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*302
ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026**

**DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM CIRCUITS AND
DESTINATIONS IN KARNATAKA**

***302. DR. PRABHA MALLIKARJUN:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether infrastructure support is being provided under schemes such as Swadesh Darshan 2.0, PRASHAD and other initiatives for the development of tourism circuits and destinations in Karnataka;**
- (b) if so, the details of number of projects sanctioned and completed in the said State;**
- (c) the details of funds allocated and utilised under the said schemes during the last three years;**
- (d) the details of components covered, including roads, connectivity, amenities and visitor facilities;**
- (e) whether smaller districts are adequately benefiting from such infrastructure development; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to address gaps in tourism infrastructure?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (F) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*302 ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM CIRCUITS AND DESTINATIONS IN KARNATAKA RAISED BY DR. PRABHA MALLIKARJUN

(a) to (f): Identification, development and promotion of tourism destinations and products is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments (SGs)/Union Territory Administrations (UTAs). However, the Ministry of Tourism through its central sector 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)’ supplements the efforts of the States/UTs by providing financial assistance for the development of tourism related infrastructure and experiences across the country, including in the State of Karnataka.

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 for development of tourism projects. The details of the project sanctioned under the aforementioned schemes in the State of Karnataka are annexed.

The destinations/sites under the above mentioned Schemes are considered for development based on their tourism potential, cultural, historical and heritage importance, existing level of development among others. Further, these schemes envisions a pan India

development so that the amenities developed contribute towards overall improvement of tourist destinations by enhancing tourist mobility, accessibility and developing basic tourism infrastructure with modern visitor amenities.

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ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) to (F) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*302 ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM CIRCUITS AND DESTINATIONS IN KARNATAKA RAISED BY DR. PRABHA MALLIKARJUN****Details of Projects sanctioned under SD 2.0 Scheme in Karnataka****(Rs. In Crore)**

Sr. No	Project Name	Sanction Year	Major Components	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Authorized	Physical progress
1	Ecological Experience Zone in Mysuru	2023-24	• Entry Plaza • Eco Tower • Eco Bridge • Lake Walk • Canopy Walk • Food Plaza & Kiosks	18.48	1.85	50.88%
2	Tonga Ride Heritage Experience Zone, Mysuru	2023-24	• Tonga Stand (3 Nos) • Horse Stables (2 Nos) • Information Technology	2.72	0.27	45.05%
3	Setting up of 'Traveller Nooks', Hampi	2023-24	• Noble Nook (8 Nos) • Royal Nook (4 Nos) • Imperial Nook (8 Nos) • Information Technology	25.64	2.56	56.45%

**Details of Projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Karnataka
(Rs. In Crore)**

Sr. No	Project Name	Sanction Year	Major Components	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Authorized	Physic progress
1	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple, Mysuru	2023-24	• Development at Chamundi Temple Premises (Queue Mandapam Stretch, Multipurpose Area & Stage, Cloak room, Illumination) • Pilgrimage Facilities development at Mahisasura plaza(Amenities block, Entrance stone arch, Illumination) • Development at Devikere (Handrails for entire steps, Steps and mandapa beautification) • Nandi Statue Pavilion Development(Queue Mandapam, Paver area development) • Devi Pada Redevelopment (Steps and	45.38	13.33	10.88%

			mandapa beautification, Handrails for entire steps) • CCTV, Public Announcement System, Metal Detector, Bag Scanner, People Counter Solutions.			
2	Development of Sri Renuka Yallamma Temple, Saundatti, Belagavi	2024-25	• Construction of Pilgrim Arrival Centre • Construction of Waiting area for Pilgrims • Pilgrimage Information Centre (3 nos.) • Construction of Canteen or Cafeteria • First Aid Centre for Pilgrims • Construction and Installation of Sewage Treatment Plant (2 nos.) • External Plumbing from toilet to STP • Solar Pannel Installation	18.37	-	0%

			• Smart Display • Informational and Directional Signages • Landscaping • Pathways			
3	Development of Papnash Temple, Bidar District	2024-25	• Shoe Stand Area, Cloak room and toilet block • Development of Parking Area • Jatra Complex (Prashad Shops) • Changing Rooms near Pond • Upgradation of Pond Area • Prasada Nilaya • Cultural and Recreation Centre • Public Convenience • Anna Dasoha Building • 1 Lakh Liters Capacity Water Tank & Pump house • Steps & Walkways • Landscape work	22.25	6.30	22.82%

			• Main Entrance gate • Construction of Compound Wall and Barbed Fencing • STP unit and Plumbing Works • Signage Boards • CCTV System			
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Details of Projects sanctioned under CBDD Scheme in Karnataka
(Rs. In Crore)

Sr. No.	Destination	Sanction Year	Name of the Experience	Major Component	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Authorized	Physical progress
1	Bidar (Culture & Heritage)	2025-26	Development of Bidar as a Heritage Tourism Destination	• Heritage Walk • EV buggy shuttle • Organised parking • Plaza with Tree Canopy • Drinking water Kiosk • Story Telling Kiosk • Heritage Lighting • Landscaping and Irrigation Works	25.00	2.50	0%

				At Papnash Lake • Toilet Block • Ticket Counting Kiosk • Food Kiosk • Watch Tower • Souvenir Shops • Interactive Signage • Zip Line and High & Low Rope Course • Children's Park • Forest Trail Cycle track - 1.5km			
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Details of Projects sanctioned under SASCI Scheme in Karnataka
(Rs. In Crore)

Sr. No	Name of the Project	Sanction Year	Major Components	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Authorized	Physical progress
1	Ecotourism & Cultural Hub at Roerich and Devika Rani Estate Tataguni in Bengaluru	2024-25	• Entrance Plaza • Residential Plaza • Waterfront Plaza • Perfume Garden • Eco-Tourism • Sewage Treatment Plant	99.17	131.45	10.45%

2	Development of Savadatti Yallammagudda in Belgavi	2024-25	Que Complex Parking Facility (300 Cars) Anna Dasoha Complex Interpretation Centre/Admin Block/Command Control Centre	100.00		0%
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