

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*315
ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026**

**DEVELOPMENT OF ICONIC TOURIST CENTRES
TO GLOBAL SCALE INITIATIVE**

***315. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any review of the implementation of the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale initiative, if so, the details and key findings thereof;**
- (b) the institutional framework adopted for identification, selection, appraisal, implementation and monitoring of projects sanctioned under the said initiative across the country, State/UT-wise, particularly in Jharkhand;**
- (c) the details of projects approved under the said initiative, including funds allocated, present status of implementation and expected timelines for completion, State/UT-wise;**
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Government of Karnataka under the said initiative, if so, the details thereof, including the status of such proposals;**

- (e) whether any iconic tourist destinations in Karnataka, including Bengaluru, have been identified or are under consideration for development under the initiative, if so, the details thereof;**
- (f) whether the Government has undertaken measures to ensure convergence of tourism infrastructure, visitor amenities, heritage conservation, environmental sustainability, connectivity and local economic development under the sanctioned projects, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (g) the details of mechanism adopted to assess the impact of the said initiative on tourism growth, employment generation and regional development?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (G) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*315 ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF ICONIC TOURIST CENTRES TO GLOBAL SCALE INITIATIVE RAISED BY SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY AND SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

(a) to (g): With the aim to develop iconic tourist centres in the country, the Ministry of Tourism issued operational guidelines along with detailed project report template under Special Assistance to the States for Capital Investment (SASCI) Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale initiative scheme.

As per the guidelines, the proposals were invited from the State Governments for considering financial assistance to the States under the scheme. The parameters formulated for examining the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) submitted by the States covered connectivity to the site, existing tourism eco-system at site/destination, carrying capacity, availability of utility services, project impact and value envisaged which included expected increase in tourist footfall, increase tourist spend, new employment opportunities, attracting private investment etc. Accordingly, 40 projects were sanctioned across 23 States in the country including two projects in the state of Karnataka by the Government of India under the scheme for ₹3295.76 Crore in the financial year 2024-25 with 100% central funding and the details of these projects is annexed.

Further, Department of Expenditure amended SASCI guidelines for 2025-26 and as per amended guidelines, States which did not avail funds under Part-III of SASCI 2024-25 are eligible to avail Special Assistance of not more than Rs.250 crores for tourism projects under Part-II of SASCI 2025-26. As per

amended guidelines, Special Assistance of Rs.250 crores have been sanctioned and released each to Nagaland, Mizoram and Himachal Pradesh for tourism projects under Part-II of SASCI 2025-26 and the details of sanction is also annexed.

The projects sanctioned under the SASCI are regularly monitored at various levels. The Guidelines for SASCI, includes National Institutional Framework comprising of Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC), Mission Directorate (MD) etc. and State Institutional Framework. The Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) and Mission Directorate (MD) includes representatives of the Ministries/Departments concerned with Culture, Housing and Urban Affairs, Civil Aviation, Road Transport and Highways, Ports, Environment and Forests, Rural Development, Railways and the Archaeological Survey of India, among others, to facilitate coordinated development. Project DPRs are also required to incorporate the applicable statutory clearances, carrying-capacity considerations, stakeholder consultations and sustainable operation and maintenance arrangements.

The Ministry has also developed a Program Management Information System (PMIS) for monitoring of its destination development related schemes as a unified digital platform to facilitate seamless information, communication, sharing and reporting system in respect of the projects undertaken as part of its various schemes. Ministry of Tourism and SGs/UTAs including project implementing agencies are integral part of this system.

The guidelines also provide for third-party audit, wherever considered necessary, to assess project operations, service levels and outcomes. Since the sanctioned projects are presently at different stages of implementation and operationalisation, their comprehensive impact on tourism growth, employment generation and regional development would become assessable progressively after completion and stabilisation of operations.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (G) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*315 ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF ICONIC TOURIST CENTRES TO GLOBAL SCALE INITIATIVE RAISED BY SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY AND SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB****List of SASCI Tourism Projects sanctioned during Financial Year 2024-25:****(in ₹ Crore)**

S. N o.	State	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Released	Work Status (as per PMIS)	Physical Progress (in %)	Sanction Date	As per State Government Report-Revised Expected Date of Completion
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Enriching the Fort and Gorge Experience in Gandikota	77.91	113.75	Ongoing	83%	26-11-2024	30-08-2026
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Akhanda Godavari-(Havelok Bridge & Pushkar Ghat) in Raja Mahendravaram	94.44		Ongoing	69%	26-11-2024	30-08-2026
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Siang Adventure & Eco-Retreat in Pasighat	46.48	30.67	Ongoing	78%	26-11-2024	04-09-2026
4.	Assam	Assam State Zoo Cum Botanical Garden in Guwahati	97.12	191.88	Ongoing	56%	26-11-2024	28-02-2027

5.	Assam	Beautificatio n of Rang Ghar in Sivasagar	94.76		Ongoing	43%	26-11- 2024	28-02- 2027
6.	Bihar	Development of Matsyagand ha Lake in Saharsa	97.61		Ongoing	29%	26-11- 2024	31-12- 2026
7.	Bihar	Karamchat Eco-Tourism and Adventure Hub in Karamchat	49.51	97.10	Ongoing	78%	26-11- 2024	31-12- 2026
8.	Chhattisg arh	Development of Chitrotpala Film City in Raipur	95.79		Ongoing	3%	26-11- 2024	31-09- 2027
9.	Chhattisg arh	Development of Tribal & Cultural Convention Centre in Raipur	51.87	97.45	Ongoing	2%	26-11- 2024	31-09- 2027
10.	Goa	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Museum in Ponda	97.46	188.20	Ongoing	38%	26-11- 2024	30-01- 2027
11.	Goa	Townsquare in Porvorim	90.74		Ongoing	54%	26-11- 2024	30-01- 2027
12.	Gujarat	Ecotourism Destination at Kerly (Mokarsagar) in Porbandar	99.50		Ongoing	31%	26-11- 2024	30-03- 2027
13.	Gujarat	Tented City and Convention Centre in	51.56	151.06	Physica lly Comple ted	100%	26-11- 2024	Physicall y Complete d

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14.	Jharkhand	Eco-Tourism Development of Tilaiyya” in Koderma	34.87	23.01	Stalled	0%	26-11-2024	N.A.
15.	Karnataka	Ecotourism & Cultural Hub at Roerich and Devika Rani Estate Tataguni in Bengaluru	99.17	131.45	Ongoing	12%	26-11-2024	30-01-2027
16.	Karnataka	Development of Savadatti Yallammagudda in Belgavi	100.00		Ongoing	0%	26-11-2024	30-01-2027
17.	Kerala	Ashtamudi Biodiversity and Eco-recreational Hub in Kollam	59.71	155.05	Ongoing	55%	26-11-2024	31-07-2026
18.	Kerala	Global Gateway to Malabar's Cultural Crucible in Sargaalaya	95.34		Ongoing	71%	26-11-2024	30-09-2026
19.	Madhya Pradesh	Orchha A Medieval Splendour in Orchha	99.92	199.30	Ongoing	53%	26-11-2024	31-12-2026
20.	Madhya Pradesh	International Convention Centre for MICE in Bhopal	99.38		Ongoing	74%	26-11-2024	31-12-2026
21.	Maharashtra	INS-Guldar	46.91	146.05	Ongoing	55%	26-11-	30-03-

		Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef, and submarine Tourism in Sindhudurg					2024	2028
22.	Maharashtra	Development of RAM-KAL PATH in Nashik	99.14		Ongoing	73%	26-11-2024	30-03-2027
23.	Manipur	Loktak Lake Experience in Loktak	89.48	59.06	Not Started	0%	26-11-2024	N.A.
24.	Meghalaya	MICE Infrastructure in Mawkhanu	99.27	198.54	Ongoing	12%	26-11-2024	30-10-2027
25.	Meghalaya	Redevelopment of Umiam Lake in Shillong	99.27		Ongoing	49%	26-11-2024	30-10-2027
26.	Odisha	Development of Hirakund	99.90	131.92	Ongoing	8%	26-11-2024	30-03-2027
27.	Odisha	Development of Satkosia	99.99		Ongoing	0%	26-11-2024	30-08-2028
28.	Punjab	Development of Heritage Street as a tribute to Shaheed-e-Azam, Sardar Bhaghat Singh at Khatkar Kalan in SBS Nagar	53.45	53.45	Ongoing	70%	26-11-2024	31-12-2026
29.	Rajasthan	Development at Amber-Nahargarh and Surrounding	49.31	96.30	Ongoing	70%	26-11-2024	30-03-2027

		Area in Jaipur						
30.	Rajasthan	Development at Jal Mahal in Jaipur	96.61		Ongoing	31%	26-11-2024	30-03-2027
31.	Sikkim	Skywalk, Bhaleydhunga, Yangang in Namchi	97.37	109.27	Ongoing	57%	26-11-2024	30-10-2026
32.	Sikkim	Border Experience in Nathula	68.19		Ongoing	69%	26-11-2024	30-10-2026
33.	Tamil Nadu	Development of Nandavanam Heritage Park in Mammallapuram	99.67	112.13	Ongoing	7%	26-11-2024	30-03-2027
34.	Tamil Nadu	Eco Park at Race Course in Ooty	70.23		Ongoing	6%	04-11-2025	30-01-2027
35.	Telangana	Ramappa Region Sustainable Tourism Circuit in Ramappa	73.74	93.62	Ongoing	57%	26-11-2024	31-12-2026
36.	Telangana	Somasilla Wellness & Spiritual Retreat in Nallamala	68.10		Ongoing	22%	26-11-2024	31-12-2026
37.	Tripura	Shakti Peethas Park at Banduar in Gomati	97.70	97.70	Ongoing	55%	26-11-2024	30-03-2027
38.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Bateshwar in District-	74.05	101.83	Ongoing	56%	26-11-2024	30-10-2026

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39.	Uttar Pradesh	Integrated Buddhist Tourism Development in Shrawasti	80.24		Ongoing	71%	26-11-2024	30-10-2026
40.	Uttarakhand	Iconic City Rishikesh: Rafting Base Station in Rishikesh	100.00	66.00	Ongoing	46%	26-11-2024	31-10-2026
Total			3295.76	2644.79				

List of SASCI Tourism Projects sanctioned during Financial Year 2025-26:

S. No.	State	Sanctioned Cost (in ₹ Crore)	Amount Released (in ₹ Crore)
1.	Himachal Pradesh	250.00	250.00
2.	Mizoram	250.00	250.00
3.	Nagaland	250.00	250.00
Total		750.00	750.00
