

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3  
ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024**

**TOURIST SPOTS OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE**

**3 SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT:**

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

- (a) **whether the Government has taken any steps for the development of tourist spots of historical importance in the State of Odisha; and**  
(b) **if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

(a) to (b): **The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of ‘Swadesh Darshan (SD)’ and ‘Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ compliments the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations. The details of the Projects sanctioned in Odisha under SD & PRASHAD Schemes are as under:**

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>
<b>SD 1.0</b>	<b>Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara</b>	<b>Rs. 70.82 Crores</b>
<b>PRASHAD</b>	<b>Infrastructure Development at Puri</b>	<b>Rs. 50.00 Crores</b>

**The Ministry has now revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations and has notified 57 destinations in the country for development including ‘Koraput’ & ‘Debrigarh’ along with special attraction of ‘Khinda Village’ in Odisha. In addition, the Ministry has also identified ‘Chausath Yogini Temple’ and ‘Maa Kichakeswari Temple’ in Odisha for development under PRASHAD Scheme.**

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