

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*7
ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021**

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST PLACES IN ODISHA

***7. SHRI SURESH PUJARI:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been any plan to develop various tourist places which are of historical importance like Bara Pahar, Nrusinghnath, Ganiapali, Ghensh, etc. of Bargarh district and Kuliguhar, Bikramkhol, Gujapahar, Hirakud reservoir of Jharsuguda district of Odisha;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government has sent a delegation of experts to visit these heritage places and prepare DPR for protection, development and beautification of these centres of tourist attraction;**
- (d) whether there is any proposals/suggestions from the State Government for the development of these historical locations; and**
- (e) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA
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(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism under Schemes of Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist circuits and PRASHAD- National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive provides financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations for the development of tourism infrastructure in the country. Submission of projects under the schemes is a continuous process. The projects under the scheme are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

(d) and (e): Proposals for the development of Bara Pahar, Nrusinghnath, Ganiapali, Ghensh, etc. of Bargarh district and Kuilighar, Bikramkhol, Gujapahar, Hirakud reservoir of Jharsuguda district of Odisha is presently not under consideration of Ministry of Tourism. However, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara under Swadesh Darshan Scheme for Rs.70.82 crore in 2016 and another project “Integrated Development near the Ramchandi Temple in Puri”, under PRASHAD Scheme for Rs.50.00 Cr in 2015 in Odisha.
