

I. Mr. M.Y.Tarigami, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:

1. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No:20 in order to discuss the need for developing the following Sufi Shrines and temples in Kulgam district under Pilgrimage tourism/PRASAD to add pristine glory to these revered places and to attract the tourists:

- a/ Ziyarat Sharief Sheikh-ul-Alam (RA) at Kheejogipora.**
- b/ Sedmooj at Qaimoh**
- c/ Hazrat Mir Hassan Simnani(RA) Kulgam.**
- d/ Mata Tripursundri Devsar.**
- e/ Mata Kheer Bhawani Manzgam.**
- f/ Hazrat Noor Shah Wali Baghdadi (RA) at Waltengoo Kund.**
- g/ Ziyarat Sharief at Hanjan, Kulgam.**
- h/ Maga Ganesh temple at HanandChawalgam.**

Reply:

In order to promote Pilgrimage Tourism under PRASAD and to enhance the sanctity and tourism potential of revered Sufi Shrines and temples in District Kulgam, the Department has undertaken developmental works at key religious sites. Notably, upgradation of Ziyarat Sharief Mir Syed Anwar Simnani at Katrsoo, Kulgam has been taken up at an original cost of Rs. 40.00 lakh, which is nearing completion (90% physical progress). Similarly, reconstruction of the Shrine of Hazrat Noor Shah Wali Baghdadi (RA) at Waltengoo Kund has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 832.30 lakh and the work is presently in progress. Further, developmental works for other identified shrines and temples in the Sufi Circuit were proposed for the year 2025–26. However, it has been decided that, all Sufi-related works would henceforth be transferred to the Department of Culture for implementation. The Government remains committed to development of these spiritually significant sites to attract pilgrims, boost tourism and generate local employment in the district.

2. I move a cut of Rs 100/- in Demand No:20 in order to discuss the need for exploring and developing huge tourism potential of Kongwattan, Kounserbal, Kounsernag, Aharbal areas of Kulgam district with lush green trees and vast tracks of hilly areas convenient for trekking purposes which stands almost neglected

Reply:

It is a fact that, District Kulgam possesses immense tourism potential including scenic destinations such as Aharbal, Kounsernag, Kongwattan and Kounserbal, which are endowed with lush green forests, alpine meadows and vast trekking tracks. For systematic development of these areas, Aharbal Development Authority has been established and has already created essential tourism infrastructure including accommodation units, parks, pathways and basic amenities at Aharbal. The Authority intends to further explore and showcase the tourism potential of Kongwattan, Kounserbal and Kounsernag areas in a phased and sustainable manner, subject to availability of funds, land and necessary statutory clearances, particularly keeping in view the ecological sensitivity of these areas. The department is actively promoting the Kounsernag trekking circuit as one of the most scenic and pristine trekking routes of the Union Territory. Prior to the closure of trekking activities in the area following the unfortunate Pahalgam attack last year, the Department had been regularly issuing trekking permissions to trekkers and trekking groups visiting Kounsernag and the adjoining high-altitude trails. The said trekking route was being widely promoted across the country as a lesser-known and untapped trekking destination. The registered Adventure Tour Operators had included the Kounsernag trek in their brochures, itineraries and official websites, thereby showcasing the natural beauty and trekking potential of the area to a national audience.

In addition, the detailed trekking map of the Kounsernag and adjoining trekking routes has been issued. The same has been circulated among intending trekkers and trekking agencies and has also been disseminated during national and international travel and tourism marts, with the objective of maximizing outreach and positioning the area on the adventure tourism map.

The trekking routes of Kulgam district continue to remain a priority for revival and promotion under the adventure tourism framework, subject to prevailing security considerations.

3. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.:20 in order to deliberate on diversification of tourism products such as eco-tourism, winter sports, heritage circuits and rural homestays to ensure sustainable and year-round tourism growth.

To ensure sustainable and year-round growth of tourism, focused steps for diversification of tourism products, as under:

1. **Eco-Tourism:** Development of eco-friendly destinations like Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Sonamarg, Doodhpathri etc., development of eco-

parks/adventure parks, and promotion of responsible tourism to protect the environment while generating livelihoods.

2. **Winter Tourism & Sports:** Organizing of winter activities at Gulmarg, Sonamarg such as skiing, snow sports, and winter festivals to make tourism active even during the winter season.
3. **Heritage & Cultural Circuits:** Development of heritage circuits covering historical, cultural, and religious sites like Hazratbal Shrine, Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple etc. to promote cultural tourism and preserve heritage.

Promotion of Tribal Homestays: Development of homestays in Tribal Areas under Swadesh Darshan Scheme has been taken up to provide income to local communities and distribute tourism benefits to rural/tribal areas.

4. I move a cut of Rs 100/- in Demand No:20 in order to discuss separately:

(a). the details of construction of tourist related infrastructure in J&K to boost tourism sector having huge and vast potential of generating job avenues;

(b). to review mechanisms for skill development and capacity building of local youth, guides, and hospitality workers to enhance service quality and employment generation;

(c). the need for a comprehensive tourism infrastructure plan, including improved connectivity, way finding, sanitation, and visitor amenities at major and emerging destinations.

Reply:

- a) The Tourism Department, J&K, has developed a wide range of tourism assets across the Union Territory to strengthen infrastructure and enhance visitor experience at both established and off-beat destinations. These include Tourist Reception Centres (TRCs), Tourist Facilitation/Information Centres (TFCs/TICs), cafeterias, eco-log huts and eco-log cafeterias, gender-based toilet facilities, parking areas, landscaping and beautification works, boundary walls, site development, benches, illumination and lighting systems, tourist pathways, last-mile connectivity and approach roads.

In addition, the Department has created facilities such as light and sound shows, Solid Waste Management Plants, informative signage, wellness facilities at Mantalai, convention infrastructure at Gulmarg, development of ziyarats and temples under pilgrimage tourism, and cruise/floating jetties with

power boats at various destinations. These interventions aim to provide essential amenities to tourists, improve the overall tourism ecosystem and generate sustainable employment opportunities across J&K.

- b) The Tourism Department has been conducting various capacity building programs from time to time for skill development of guides, home-stay workers, and other service providers.

As far as employment is concerned, the Tourism Department regularly outsources asset like cafeteria, restaurants, huts etc. which play a vital role in generating direct and indirect employment opportunities for the local population. This promotes local entrepreneurship, supports small business while enhancing visitors services. Under the Youth Engagement Plan, the Department proposes to undertake various initiatives aimed at actively involving youth in diverse activities that will directly and indirectly strengthen their skill development, capacity building and livelihood opportunities.

The Department is actively working towards strengthening connectivity, way-finding systems, sanitation facilities and visitor amenities at both major and emerging tourist destinations. Efforts are being made to create and upgrade essential infrastructure and tourism products across the Valley, including development of Public Conveniences, cafeterias, restaurants and other basic amenities to ensure comfort and convenience of visiting tourists. The Department is also focusing on improving access, signage and overall destination management to provide a seamless and enhanced tourism experience.

5. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No:20 in order to discuss:

(a). the contours of Tourist Policy Introduced in the year 2020 indicating also the targets fixed and realised as on date;

(b). separately the assets and functioning of tourism development authorities and tourist circuits.

Reply:

(a) The **Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Policy-2020**, notified in 2020, was formulated with the objective of positioning Jammu & Kashmir as a preferred all-season tourism destination while enhancing its contribution to economic growth and employment generation. At the time of formulation, tourism contributed nearly 6.98% to the GSDP, and tourist arrivals had shown steady growth in the pre-pandemic period. The policy set clear quantitative targets, including sustained annual growth in domestic and foreign tourist arrivals, mobilisation of

approximately ₹2,000 crore of investment per year during the initial phase, generation of about 50,000 jobs annually, expansion of skill development initiatives, upgradation of infrastructure around major destinations, and a strong emphasis on sustainability and carrying capacity.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic, which followed shortly after the policy's notification, severely affected the sector during 2020 and 2021. Travel restrictions, lockdowns, and public health concerns led to a sharp decline in tourist inflows, slowing the momentum envisaged in the early years of policy implementation. Consequently, the initial phase of the policy witnessed subdued growth compared to the projected trajectory.

With the easing of pandemic restrictions, the tourism sector gradually recovered and registered strong growth in subsequent years. According to official data, total tourist arrivals in the Union Territory reached **2,07,34,673 in 2023** and further increased to **2,35,90,081 in 2024**, marking the highest footfall in recent years. This growth reflects a robust recovery in domestic tourism and a gradual revival of foreign tourist arrivals. While cumulative growth over the policy period shows the temporary impact of COVID-19, the strong performance in 2023 and 2024 demonstrates that the sector has regained stability and momentum. Continued focus on infrastructure development, diversification of tourism products, international promotion, skill development, and environmental sustainability will be essential to ensure the long-term objectives of the Tourism Policy-2020 are fully realized.

(b) In respect of **Tourism Development Authorities and tourist circuits**, during FY 2025-26, total expenditure under CAPEX and REVEX budgets across 21 Development Authorities amounted to **Rs. 1,703.45 lakh (CAPEX) and Rs. 3,961.79 lakh (REVEX)**. Major authorities such as Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Sonamarg, Patnitop, and Lolab-Bangus-Drangyari have been actively engaged in infrastructure development, destination promotion, and operational activities to enhance tourism offerings.

Further, around **200 tourism assets** were identified for outsourcing and monetization across various agencies, out of which **196 assets** have been taken up, ensuring substantial coverage of the portfolio. The revenue realized or expected to be realized up to the close of the current financial year is approximately **Rs. 62.00 crore**, reflecting steady progress in asset optimization and revenue augmentation. Future revenue accruals will continue as per contract terms, ensuring sustainable utilization of departmental assets while contributing to overall tourism development.

II. Mr. Balwant Singh Mankotia, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:

1. I move a cut of Rs 100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the overall functioning of the Tourism Department in Jammu & Kashmir, particularly with regard to promotion, infrastructure development, and maintenance of tourist destinations.

Reply:

The Department of Tourism functions as an integrated administrative, developmental, and regulatory organization mandated to promote the Union Territory's natural, cultural, and spiritual heritage for inclusive socio-economic growth. Tourism, as a priority sector, is implemented through the Directorates of Tourism (Jammu and Kashmir) and supported by Tourism Development Authorities, which undertake destination planning, infrastructure development, environmental regulation, and civic management. The Department's commercial and strategic operations are managed through its key institutions, including the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation (JKTDC), Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), and Jammu & Kashmir Cable Car Corporation (JKCCC), along with premier golf courses and hospitality training institutes. The Department promotes leisure, pilgrimage, adventure, and niche tourism through infrastructure creation and targeted publicity initiatives, while ensuring sectoral standards through registration, categorization, and regulation under the J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act and Rules to safeguard tourist interests and enable sustainable tourism growth.

2. I move a cut of Rs 100/- in Demand No.20 in order to discuss the reasons for delay in reviewing and updating the Master Plan of the Patnitop Development Authority.

Reply:

The revision of the Patnitop Master Plan could not be finalized due to identified deficiencies. A Committee constituted by the Tourism Department examined the matter and recommended undertaking a fresh comprehensive revision. Accordingly, the Department is initiating a time-bound exercise for the formulation/revision of Master Plans for Patnitop and other Tourism Development Authorities, incorporating updated planning and development requirements. Meanwhile, Government Order No. 108-JK(TSM) of 2025 clarifies that existing Master Plans shall remain in force until lawfully revised or replaced, ensuring continuity of planning control.

3. I move a cut of Rs 100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the desirability and feasibility of constructing an additional Gandola from

Patnitop to Dhar Shiv Garh to enhance tourism potential and generate employment opportunities.

Reply:

The proposal for construction of an additional Gandola from Patnitop to Dhar Shiv Garh involves significant technical, financial, and environmental considerations. The matter shall be examined in consultation with the concerned agencies, taking into account feasibility parameters, statutory requirements, and availability of resources. Subject to the outcome of these assessments and necessary approvals, appropriate action will be taken in accordance with established procedures.

4. I move a cut of Rs 100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the desirability of constructing a multi-level parking facility at Patnitop to address traffic congestion and facilitate better tourist management.

Reply:

A Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the construction of a multi-tier parking facility at Patnitop has been prepared by the Public Works Department (R&B) Division, Chenani and is under examination for further necessary action.

5. I move a cut of Rs 100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the reasons for not making the Mantalai Yoga Centre fully functional for yoga enthusiasts and domestic as well as international visitors.

Reply:

The International Yoga and Wellness Centre at Mantalai has been completed under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme of the Government of India. The facility comprises a yoga hall, meditation centres, wellness huts, and a tourist cafeteria, aimed at positioning Mantalai as a premier destination for wellness and spiritual tourism.

Considering the specialized nature of wellness and yoga tourism, it has been decided to outsource the Centre to a professional agency with requisite expertise to ensure operation and management to global standards. The process is being carried out by the duly constituted Outsourcing Committee in a transparent manner.

The Department remains committed to operationalizing the Centre at the earliest. Once functional, the project is expected to enhance tourist inflow, generate local employment, and promote Mantalai as a key wellness tourism destination.

III. Mr. Sajad Gani Lone, Hon'ble MLA, to move the following Cut Motions

1. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the losses suffered by different individuals associated with the tourism sector in the Kashmir Valley in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, and whether the Government is considering any financial package for them.

Reply:

The unfortunate terror incident at Pahalgam adversely affected tourist inflow across the Kashmir Valley, thereby impacting the livelihoods of stakeholders associated with the tourism sector. The Government has taken cognizance of the matter and initiated measures, including promotional outreach, confidence-building initiatives, to restore tourist confidence and revive tourism. These efforts have yielded encouraging results, with improved tourist footfall in the winter season. The Government remains committed to supporting the sustained recovery and growth of the sector.

2. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the number of domestic and foreign tourists who visited Kashmir in 2024 and 2025.

Reply:

A total of 2943126 domestic Tourists visits and 43654 foreign Tourists, visits were recorded in the year 2024 in Kashmir Division . Besides 511922 yatries visited Shri Amarnathji Shrine in the said year.

A total of 1116043 domestic Tourists visits and 22993 foreign Tourists, visits were recorded in the year 2025 in Kashmir Division. Besides 414311 yatries visited Shri Amarnathji Shrine in the said year.

3. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the staff strength of the Tourism Development Authorities and the total expenditure incurred on various activities of the Tourism Development Authorities, including the Bungus Lolab and Drangyari Tourism Development Authority, in 2025-26.

Reply:

The total expenditure incurred Under Capex and Revex Budget by the Tourism Development Authorities, including the Lolab-Bungus-Drangyari Development Authority, in Financial Year 2025-26 is as under:-

S.No	Name of the Authority	Sanctioned Strength	Expenditure	
			CAPEX	REVEX
1	Pahalgam Development Authority	123	408.01	1489.00
2	Gulmarg Development Authority	102	150.51	377.31
3	Sonamarg Development Authority	14	179.35	174.56
4	Kokernag Development Authority	14	78.64	157.70
5	Patnitop Development Authority	26	226.43	270.00
6	Lolab-Bangus-Drangyari Dev. Authority	14	70.30	115.00
7	Hygam-Ningli-Tarzoo Dev. Authority	09	590.21	14.50
8	Wullar-Manasbal Dev. Authority	17		210.00
9	Tosamaidan Development Authority	07		6.00
10	Doodhpathri Development Authority	14		113.50
11	Yousmarg Development Authority	14		139.14
12	Aharbal Development Authority	14		115.00
13	Shopion-Dubjan-Peer-ki-Gali Dev. Authority	14		50.00
14	Verinag Development Authority	14		75.00
15	Kishtiwar Development Authority	14		100.00
16	Bhaderwah Development Authority	14		195.00
17	Surrinsar_Mansar Dev. Authority	14		96.59
18	Billawar-Duggan Dev. Authority	14		79.55
19	Bani-Basohli Development Authority	14		45.22
20	Rajouri Development Authority	14		88.00
21	Poonch Development Authority	14		50.72
	Total	494	1703.45	3961.79

*The Sanctioned Strength and expenditure details of Lolab-Bangus-Drangyari Development Authority has been shown at Sr. No. 06 above.

4. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the details of expenditure incurred on the promotion and publicity of tourism in 2025-26.

Reply:

During the financial year 2025–26, under Advertisement and Publicity, against an approved budget of Rs. 4,000.00 lakh, funds amounting to Rs. 3,600.00 lakh were released, out of which Rs. 2,280.30 lakh has been incurred as expenditure.

5. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the details of assets of the Tourism Department which have been outsourced or are proposed to be outsourced, and the revenue generated or expected to be generated from them annually.

Reply:

Around 200 assets of Tourism Department were identified for outsourcing/monetization across various agencies, out of which 196 assets were taken up for monetization, ensuring substantial coverage of the portfolio. The revenue realized/expected to be realized up to the close of the current financial year is approximately Rs. 62.00 crore, reflecting steady progress in asset optimization and revenue augmentation. Further revenue accrual shall be governed by the respective contract periods, with receipts continuing in the ensuing financial years as per the terms of the agreements.

IV. Mir Mohammad Fayaz, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:-

1. I move a Cut motion of Rs/-100 in demand No 20 to know the need for release of adequate funds to Lolab Bangus Drangyari Development Authority Kupwara for promotion of District Kupwara as Border Tourism destination cum offbeat destination.

Reply:

The Lolab Bangus Development Authority, Kupwara, has been allocated funds for promoting District Kupwara as a border tourism and offbeat destination. During FY 2023-24, an approved allocation of Rs. 250.00 lakh was made, out of which Rs. 106.81 lakh was released and Rs. 55.83 lakh utilized. In FY 2024-25, the approved allocation was Rs. 215.46 lakh, with Rs. 172.37 lakh released and Rs. 133.65 lakh incurred on developmental and promotional activities.

The Tourism Department continues to monitor the fund utilization and shall ensure the release of adequate funds to the Authority to facilitate the effective promotion of Kupwara as a prominent border and offbeat tourism destination.

V. Mr. Pawan Kumar Gupta, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:

1. I move a cut of ₹100 in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the development of the tourism sector in Udhampur District by establishing a parikrama around the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine along the old subsisting routes connecting to the Chiryai- Muttal area (a destination connected with freedom heroes like Nana Ji Peshwa and Tatya Tope) by way of establishing cafeterias, resting points, homestays, and other facilities to create avenues for employment and livelihoods for the people involved with these connecting areas;

Reply:

The Department of Tourism is actively promoting the Parikrama Route and its associated destinations. Various projects have been taken up for the development of visitor amenities, including construction of community facilities, land development, and allied infrastructure at key religious sites. Additionally, projects aimed at improving accessibility and enhancing pilgrim facilities, such as approach paths and allied works, have been completed.

Development interventions have also been carried out in the Chiryai–Muttal area, including restoration of traditional bowlies and improvement of pathways to preserve heritage assets and enhance visitor experience.

Further, the Department has notified the Homestay Guidelines, 2022 to facilitate the registration of residential houses as homestays/PGHs, thereby promoting community participation and generating supplementary livelihood opportunities. A number of homestays/PGHs have been registered in Udhampur and Reasi districts, contributing to both direct and indirect employment generation.

2. I move a cut of Rs 100/- in demand No.20 in order to discuss the development of picturesque destinations located in Udhampur District, such as Shankri Devta at Meer, Shankpal at Lander, JadsarkoteDevta at Pyt Jadsarkote, Jug Dhar, Shiv Parvati Cave at Kalsote, BadsarDevta at Lali, Sudhmahadev, Mantalai, Damnote, Pingla Mata, Surinsar, and Mansar as also the creation of a Tourist circuit and the development of these areas by providing facilities like guest houses and transport services.

Reply:

Tourism infrastructure has been developed at Shankri Devta, Kalsote, and Mounгри through the construction of dormitories and huts to facilitate visitors. These assets presently require repairs and upgradation, which are proposed to be undertaken subject to feasibility assessment and the availability of funds.

Additionally, several tourism development works are under implementation at Panchari, Sudhmahadev, Surinsar, and Mansar. Of these, some works have been completed, while the remaining are in progress.

Further, the Patnitop Development Authority has undertaken significant infrastructure upgrades at Mantalai and Sudhmahadev, including the creation of visitor amenities, accommodation units, and eco-friendly initiatives such as solar power installations. These interventions have been executed within approved budgetary provisions under the Capex framework.

The details of Hotels/Guest Houses/Lodges/Homestays/Travel Agencies operational in Udhampur, Mansar, and Surinsar are provided below:

District	Hotels/ Guest Houses/ Lodges	Homestays	Travel Agency
Udhampur	100	52	30
Mansar/ Surinsar	23	14	23

3. I move a Cut of Rs.100 in Demand No.20 in order to discuss the development of areas connected with the holy shrines of Pingla Mata, Chountra Mata, Marada Mata, Nabha Mata (one of the 52 Shaktipeeth), and the Krimchi Temples in Udhampur District, which have stunning scenic beauty and high potential for attracting tourists as also the need for addressing the lack of road connectivity, cafés, and other facilities along the route to ensure a better experience for visitors.

Reply:

The Department of Tourism has undertaken development works to improve visitor facilities at Prominent religious places in Udhampur District. Development projects at Pingla Mata and Chountra Mata have been completed, resulting in enhanced amenities for pilgrims and tourists.

Further, the Patnitop Development Authority has executed improvement works at the Krimchi Temples, including upgradation of pathways, development of

viewpoints, pedestrian facilities, and installation of lighting to improve accessibility and visitor experience.

Development of other identified shrines/destinations, including Marada Mata and Nabha Mata, shall be considered in a phased manner, subject to feasibility, availability of funds, and necessary statutory approvals.

4. Cut Motions of Rs.100 in Demand No.20 in order to discuss the introduction of homestay incentives, tourism circuits, and showcasing Dogra culture, folklore, local crafts, and organic farming experiences.

Reply:

While there is no separate Homestay Incentive Policy at present, 352 homestays/PGHs are registered across Jammu Division. These units are contributing to employment generation and promoting local culture, crafts, folklore, and rural experiences. The Department continues to promote thematic circuits and community-based tourism through infrastructure development and promotional initiatives.

5. Cut Motions of Rs.100 in Demand No.20 in order to discuss the development and promotion of Mankot Fort and Surinsar-Mansar Lakes for the purpose of restoration and preservation of historic monuments, forts, and shrines of Dogra culture.

Reply:

The Department has undertaken promotional activities during 2025-26, including organisation of tourism events and participation in travel marts to enhance the visibility of destinations in Jammu Division, including Udhampur. Under Capex Budget 2025-26, projects for the comprehensive development of the Mansar-Surinsar circuit have been taken up. The Surinsar component has been physically completed.

The Department remains committed to the sustainable development of tourism through infrastructure augmentation, promotion of homestays, heritage conservation, and focused publicity initiatives.

VI. Mr. Shakti Raj Parihar, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:

1. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the tourism expenditure in Doda West, indicating the details on funds utilized for promoting Lal Daman, Bulandpur, Dedni, and Deesa, and the need for inclusion of these places under the tourism map."

Reply:

The J&K Tourism Department has actively promoted Doda District during FY 2025-26 through various initiatives. These include 3 major promotional events – FAM Tour to Bhaderwah & Jai Valley, Mega Wrestling Competition (Dangal), and Winter Carnival at Bhaderwah. Publicity for destinations was also carried out during Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, Maa Chandi Mata Yatra, Mela Bhal Padri, Ancient Pandvas Rock Art site, and Annual Mela Patt through hoardings, audio-visual content, and brochures.

Further, the Department participated in 12 domestic and international travel marts, highlighting tourist destinations of Jammu Division, including Doda. District-wise publicity literature was prepared, displayed, and distributed at these events. Similar initiatives will continue in the coming months to promote Doda on the national tourism map.

2. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the proposal for establishing a tourist spot at Trungal Bridge, indicating the project status and expected outcomes."

Reply:

The project for establishing a tourist spot at Trungal Bridge shall be considered in the future, subject to availability of funds, feasibility studies, and requisite approvals from competent authorities.

3. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the need for developing Lal Daman as a winter sports tourism spot, by way of creating infrastructure like construction of tourism huts and potential institute for skiing and mountaineering, and evaluating the project's feasibility."

Reply:

Key tourism infrastructure has been developed in Lal Daman, including a double-storey guest house at a sanctioned cost of Rs. 75.63 lakh, along with

beautification, viewpoints, public conveniences, and allied works costing Rs. 80 lakh under CAPEX Budget.

A comprehensive feasibility survey will be conducted to assess Lal Daman's suitability as a winter sports destination, considering terrain, snow conditions, accessibility, infrastructure, and environmental factors. Recommendations will follow based on the survey findings.

Regarding a skiing and mountaineering institute, the Jammu Institute of Mountaineering (JIM) already operates a sub-office at Bhaderwah.

4. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the details of expenditure incurred on various tourism festivals in Jammu Kashmir, indicating the breakdown of funds utilized, and evaluating the impact on tourism promotion."

Reply

The Department of Tourism, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, has incurred a consolidated expenditure of approximately ₹25.60 crore towards the promotion and publicity of tourism across the Union Territory and various national and international tourism events. This includes ₹13.00 crore in the Jammu Division and ₹12.60 crore in the Kashmir Division. The expenditure has been utilized for a range of promotional initiatives, including the organisation of festivals and events, participation in domestic and international travel marts, and out-of-home advertising campaigns.

Out of the total expenditure, an amount of ₹2.94 crore has been incurred on the organization of 26 major festivals in the Jammu Division, while ₹4.60 crore has been expended on major festivals in the Kashmir Division.

5. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the details of places identified by the department for promotion of tourism in Doda, Kishtwar, and Ramban,.

Reply:

The Department has undertaken significant initiatives in FY 2024-25 to develop and promote tourist destinations, including Gulganda, Jai Valley, Lake View Resort Gatha, Nalthi, and Forest View Resort Khallani. Improvements include approach roads, pedestrian spaces, landscaping, lighting, signage, public facilities, and renovation of huts and other amenities.

Tourist influx has increased due to better road connectivity from Jammu to Bhaderwah and from Bhaderwah to Chamba. The proposed Chattergala Tunnel along Bhadarwah-Bani National Highway will further enhance access. Bhadarwah also attracts pilgrims for Nag culture, Mela Pat, and Kailash Kund Yatra.

Adventure activities such as trekking, skiing, paragliding, and cycling are being promoted. Tourist infrastructure has been developed at Jai Valley, Teligarh, Nalthis, Gatha, Khallani, Amira Nagar, Sungli, Pul Doda, Thathri, Gundoh, and Bhalessa.

Kishtwar Development Authority – Key Sites Developed/Under Development:

1. Chowgan Ground Kishtwar
2. TRC Kishtwar
3. Gulabgarh Padder
4. Machail Padder (Pilgrim Tourism)
5. Water Sports Centre Dool
6. TRC Pochal
7. Way Side Amenity Bindravan&Mughalmaidan
8. TRC Chatroo
9. TRC Sarthal / Marwai / Karool
10. Bimalnag Tourist Spot – Wooden hut, pond, pathways
11. AftiWarwan – Wooden hut
12. Tatapani Marwah – Change room

Future development proposals include Marwah, Warwan, Famber Valley, Synthen Top, and Synthen Maidan.

VII. Mr. Baldev Raj Sharma, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:

1. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the functioning of tourism department of Jammu and Kashmir.

Reply:

The Department of Tourism functions as an integrated administrative, developmental, and regulatory organization mandated to promote the Union Territory's natural, cultural, and spiritual heritage for inclusive socio-economic growth. Tourism, as a priority sector, is implemented through the Directorates of Tourism (Jammu and Kashmir) and supported by Tourism Development Authorities, which undertake destination planning, infrastructure development, environmental regulation, and civic management. The Department's commercial and strategic operations are managed through its key institutions, including the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation (JKTDC), Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), and Jammu & Kashmir Cable Car Corporation (JKCCC), along with premier golf courses and hospitality training institutes. The Department promotes leisure, pilgrimage, adventure, and niche tourism through infrastructure creation and targeted publicity initiatives, while ensuring sectoral standards through registration, categorization, and regulation under the J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act and Rules to safeguard tourist interests and enable sustainable tourism growth.

2. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the need for creation of tourist circuit connecting with the historical towns.

Reply:

The Department is actively promoting the development of tourist circuits linking historical towns with the objective of strengthening heritage tourism and ensuring balanced regional development. Key measures include the identification and integration of historically and culturally significant locations into tourism plans, creation of essential visitor infrastructure such as signage, pathways, and amenities, and adoption of an integrated circuit-based approach to connect emerging destinations with established ones. The Department also maintains close coordination with line departments to improve connectivity and preserve heritage assets. These circuits are further supported through targeted promotional activities to enhance tourist footfall and community participation.

3. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the need for developing adequate physical infrastructure and major pilgrimage and tourist destination in District Reasi, besides Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan, including Shivkhori, Dera Baba Banda Bahadur,

and other potential sites, so as to divert and retain pilgrims, promote tourism and generate local employment, indicating also the steps taken/ proposed for development of roads, accommodation, sanitation, drinking water, parking and other basic tourist amenities in these areas.

Reply:

For the development of tourism infrastructure in District Reasi, 11 projects approved under the Capex Budget 2025–26 are presently under execution. In addition, the Directorate has completed several developmental works in the district to enhance visitor amenities and facilitate pilgrim tourism. These include the Development of the Holy Shrine of NauPindian, Reasi; Development of Infrastructure Facilities at NauPindian, Katra; Construction of Viewpoints from AgharJitto to Nau Devi Village, Garan; Upgradation and Landscaping Works at Baba Dhansar Complex, Katra; Development of Devi Pindi, Panthal; and Development of Siard Baba, Reasi. These initiatives reflect the Department's continued commitment to strengthening tourism infrastructure and improving the overall visitor experience in District Reasi.

4. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the outsourcing/ lease of the TRC Building on Jammu Road, Katra, indicating the reasons for leasing out the said Government property, as also whether the construction has been raised strictly as per the sanctioned building plan and fitness certificate issued by the competent authority, whether any violation of the lease deed conditions or approved plan has occurred; whether mandatory clearance under the Ribbon Development Act has been obtained from the PWD Department; and whether the Government will ensure that the building is not made operational unless all statutory clearances and legal compliances are duly obtained.

Reply:

The asset (TRC building at Katra) was outsourced via e-tendering mode by including/incorporating all the relevant terms and conditions were to protect the interest of the Government. The brief details of terms & conditions incorporated are given as under:-

All sanctions, permissions, no objections, letters of intent, consents, licenses, clearances, approvals etc. shall be obtained by the franchisee at his own cost and such document shall be kept effective and in force at all material times.

That the Lessee shall be fully & solely be liable to pay direct or Indirect taxes imposed by the Central/State Government, Local Authority or any claim which may arise on the property against the Director Tourism Jammu, on demand.

That the Lessee shall be fully & solely be responsible for the implementation of all the labour legislations such as J&K job/ Labour & commercial Establishment Act, Minimum wage Act, E.S.I Act, E.P.F. Act Rules and bye-laws of various local Bodies / Govt. and he shall be responsible to fulfill the registrar requirements prescribed therein and maintain proper record shall also be solely responsible for any violation thereof.

In case department of Tourism, is saddled with any liability on account of such failure on the part of the franchisee, the Lessee shall indemnify the First Party from all such claims as the asset is outsourced strictly on "as is where is basis.

That the Lessee shall have to strictly comply / abide by all the existing and future rules and regulations of Tourism Department, Jammu and provision of J&K, Authorities Act & Rules, by Law & Regulation made there under.

Further, the concerns of the Hon'ble MLA will be looked into and action wherever, required will be considered under norms.

VIII. Mr. Darshan Kumar, Hon'ble MLA, to move the following Cut Motions:

1. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the steps taken by the department for the systematic development of Purthu (popularly known as "Mini Goa") and Ranjit Sagar Lake in Basohli Constituency.

Reply:

Several tourism development projects have been sanctioned and are being implemented in Basohli Constituency under the UT Capex Budget. In addition, works for the procurement of winter sports infrastructure have been taken up to strengthen tourism-related activities in the area.

Further, an exclusive Water Sports Plan for Ranjit Sagar Lake has been approved, encompassing facilities such as jet skiing, speed boating, houseboats, and development of the approach path to the floating jetty. The project components are at advanced stages of tendering and execution. One boating point is already operational, while the outsourcing process for an additional floating jetty is underway.

At Purthu, a tourist cafeteria has been constructed to enhance visitor amenities, and the property is being processed for outsourcing to ensure its optimal operation and maintenance.

2. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss Whether any Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared for development of tourism infrastructure such as viewing decks, boating facilities, water sports, eco-parks, and basic amenities.

Reply:

DPRs for tourism infrastructure are prepared subject to demand, feasibility, availability of funds, and necessary approvals. In Basohli Constituency, one boating point is operational at Ranjit Sagar Lake, while development of a second boating point is under process. Five viewpoints have been proposed under the UT Capex Budget 2026–27, and preparation of DPRs is in progress. Further, the sanctioned Water Sports Plan for Ranjit Sagar Lake is under execution.

3. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss Steps taken to improve road connectivity, signage, parking facilities, public conveniences and safety measures for tourists visiting these destinations.

Reply:

Providing reliable road connectivity to tourist destinations, in coordination with the concerned executing agencies, remains a priority of the Tourism Department. Further, tourism signage and basic visitor amenities are being incorporated under ongoing and proposed works wherever feasible. Connectivity to these destinations is presently available via Atal Setu Bridge. Signage has been installed at key locations, and additional boards shall be considered under the appropriate head.

4. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss Promotion and marketing strategy adopted by the department to include Purthu and Ranjit Sagar Lake in official tourism circuits of Jammu & Kashmir.

Reply:

Purthu and Ranjit Sagar Lake are being promoted through official tourism platforms, publicity material, and digital media outreach. These destinations are being considered for inclusion in emerging tourism circuits of the Jammu region, subject to phased development of requisite infrastructure and visitor amenities.

5. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss Measures proposed to generate local employment through homestays, local handicrafts, adventure tourism and community participation in tourism activities.

Reply:

The Department of Tourism notified the Procedural Guidelines for Registration of Homestays/Paying Guest Houses vide Government Order No. 89-JK (TSM) of 2022 dated 30.06.2022. The guidelines aim to promote community participation, encourage local entrepreneurship, and generate employment opportunities through homestays and allied tourism activities. The Department is actively implementing awareness, facilitation, and promotional initiatives to enhance stakeholder engagement. At present, 352 homestays/PGHs stand registered in the Jammu Division, contributing to both direct and indirect employment generation. Furthermore, the ongoing and proposed development of tourism infrastructure, along with the promotion of adventure and water-based tourism in the Basohli area, is expected to further expand livelihood opportunities and strengthen the local tourism economy.

IX. Ms. Shagun Parihar, Hon'ble MLA, to move the following Cut Motions:-

1. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No.20 in order to discuss the desirability for taking initiatives to bring Bimal nag and Guhan water fall in Kishtwar constituency on tourist map of Jammu and Kashmir in order to boost the tourism activity there.

Reply:

The Government is examining a proposal regarding notification of new tourism-worthy areas in J&K, including following areas of Kishtwar Districts:

Mughal Maidan, Bimalnag, Chatroo, Chingam, Sinthan, Atholl, Gulabgarh, Massu, Chichoti, Machail, Kabban, Gandhari valley, Dacchan, Warwan.

Further, following works have already been executed in Bimalnag:

Construction of Wooden Hut, Tilepath, Land levelling, and development of Pondnear temple. Additionally, a project titled "Construction of Compound Wall and Beautification Works at Bimalnag Devta" (estimated cost: Rs. 200.00 lakhs) is under process, with budgetary provision made for the current financial year. Development of Guhan Waterfall shall be considered in the next financial year subject to feasibility assessment and availability of funds.

2. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No.20 in order to discuss the development of Prade ground Kishtwar on the pattern of Bagh e Gul Dawood, and the steps taken/ proposed for its up gradation and maintenance, engagement of adequate sanitation staff, including ten (10) sweepers for daily cleanliness, to ensure proper upkeep and improve public convenience, particularly for local residents and visiting tourists.

Reply:

The development of Prade Ground, Kishtwar (Chowgan Ground) has been undertaken under various schemes, including illumination, walkways, boundary wall, beautification works, and installation of a laser sound system with a musical fountain, which is nearing completion. Further, works related to the Joggers Track and site beautification are in advanced stages and targeted for completion within the current financial year. Maintenance and watch & ward is being properly ensured, whereas Municipal Committee, Kishtwar is responsible for daily cleanliness of the Prade Ground.

X. Mr. Kuldeep Raj Dubey, Hon'ble MLA, to move the following Cut Motion:-

1. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss The comprehensive development of an integrated Chenab-River - based tourism circuit in District Reasi, encompassing river cruise/ ferry services from Salal Reservoir to Kanthan at Chenab Rail Bridge, riverfront and adventure infrastructure including bathing ghats and rafting facilities and structured tourism development around the Chenab Rail Bridge, worlds highest arch bridge and adjoining land parcels, along with the Salal-Chenab belt integrating Shiv Gufa Shrine and scenic locations, so as to harness the district spiritual, adventure, engineering and riverfront tourism potential for sustainable employment generation and socio-economic growth;

Reply:

The department has already taken up development of 11 infrastructure projects in District Reasi, under Capex Budget 2025-26 with a total project cost of Rs. 6.45 Crores, which are under execution. During 2025-26, Rs. 2.64 crores have been earmarked for the same works.

Furthermore, village Kanthan has been identified for the development of recreational activities on PPP mode and Deputy Commissioner Reasi has been requested for transfer of land.

With respect to promotion of Chenab Rail Bridge, as part of strategic approach, the Department of Tourism J&K carried out photographic documentation of the Dogra Calendar for the year 2025-26.

Videos of the Chenab Rail Bridge as an attraction has been played through out of house publicity campaigns, at national and international travel marts. Further, it has been publicized through brochure of Reasi District.

White water rafting is being conducted on the Chenab River from Shibnote to Karara through registered adventure tour operators.

To further promote adventure tourism, the Tourism Department is actively showcasing these experiences at national travel marts through print and AV content, various publicity campaigns highlighting Chenab rafting in Doda District as a prime destination for thrill-seekers.

2. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 20 to discuss the development of Feerad and Lapri, Block Arnas, District Reasi as a premium eco-tourism destination by execution of 09 Km Road extension stretch beyond chillad and creating essential tourist infrastructure including viewpoints, rest houses and trekking routes, so as to harness the region's high-altitude meadows, winter snowfall potential and proximity to the Chenab Rail Bridge at Kouri, thereby promoting sustainable tourism and local employment generation.

Reply

In order to promote and publicize tourism products, the department is actively engaged in various strategies for the financial year 2025-26 by way of conducting 78 promotional events so far.

Besides time-to-time events are being organized during the festivals like Navratras, Winter Carnival, Shivratri, etc. In addition, the Department has participated in 10 No. of Marts The District wise Publicity Literature of Jammu Division has been prepared, displayed and distributed at various travel marts outside UT J&K and at Promotional Events. Publicity of destinations of Reasi District during Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra and other religious yatras and melas through hoardings and audio visual content etc.

Further, publicity of Mela Aghar Jitto, Publicity of Dogra Cuisine Shivkhori and Publicity of National Ashirwar Award at Spirtual Growth Katra, has been carried out by Directorate of Tourism Jammu.

Similar events and publicity shall also be conducted during upcoming months in Reasi District for bringing destinations of Reasi on national tourism map.

Besides, the Directorate of Tourism Jammu has made every effort to Develop experienced based Rural Tourism products, enhance capacity building of local stake holders and improved digital promotional integration with Tour Operator, ensuring sustainable livelihood generation and balanced regional Tourism Development.

Furthermore, Village Kauri has been identified for the development of recreational activities on PPP mode and Deputy Commissioner Reasi has been requested for transfer of land.

XI. Mr. Mohan Lal Bhagat, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:

1. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 20 to discuss the need for promoting Akhnoor as a major religious, heritage and historical tourism destination of Jammu & Kashmir;

Reply:

Akhnoor holds significant importance due to its religious, heritage, and historical sites, including Akhnoor Fort, Jia Pota Ghat, Kameshwar Temple, and Gurdwara Sunder Singh Sahib. In recognition of this importance, the Tourism Department is actively promoting infrastructure development in Akhnoor to boost pilgrimage and heritage tourism. At present, seven (07) tourism-related projects are under execution under the UT Capex Plan.

Further, the Directorate of Tourism organized the Baisakhi Mela on 13th April 2025 at the historic Jia Pota Ghat, Akhnoor. The event showcased traditional Dogra folk music and dance performances and witnessed enthusiastic participation from locals and visitors, thereby contributing to tourism promotion and local economic activity.

2. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 20 to discuss inadequate funding for development of tourism sites including Ambaran, Sumah, Jia Pota, Akhnoor Fort, River Chenab and Kameshwar Temple.

Reply:

For development of infrastructure at Akhnoor, the work "Extension of Jia Pota Ghat, Akhnoor (CM Commitment)" with an approved cost of Rs. 60.00 lac has been completed during the financial year 2019–20 under the Capex Budget.

Further, the works namely "Construction of toilet block, kiosk and water ATM along the way from Jia Pota Ghat towards PandavGufa at Akhnoor" and "Development of Kameshwar Temple by way of beautification of park, illumination, gate, open air shed and allied works", with estimated costs of Rs. 29.80 lac and Rs. 99.80 lac respectively, are presently under execution under the Capex Budget 2025–26.

Moreover, for the development of tourism infrastructure at Jia Pota Ghat, Sumah Dev Sthan, and the stretch from Sundar Singh Gurudwara to Hari Mandir, 3 No. of works with estimated cost of Rs. 335.20 lac have been approved under the UT Tourism Plan (Priority Works) 2025–26, against which an amount of Rs. 88.96 lac stand released. All the works are under execution.

Furthermore, project namely "Development of Tourist Facilities at Akhnoor" has been completed during the year 2019-20 under "Integrated Development of Tourist facilities in lieu of Tourist Assets destroyed in the Floods of 2014 under PMDP/ Swadesh Darshan Scheme" with a sanctioned cost of Rs. 100.00 lac.

Fresh works shall be considered in the future subject to demand, feasibility report, availability of funds and necessary approvals.

3. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 20 to discuss the need for organizing tourism festivals, cultural events and heritage activities in Akhnoor to enhance visitor inflow.

Reply:

Organizing tourism festivals, cultural events and heritage activities in Akhnoor is essential to enhance visitor inflow and place the destination prominently on the tourism map of the Union Territory. Such events would:

1. Showcase the rich heritage, art, craft and local traditions of the region.
2. Generate livelihood opportunities for local artisans, youth and small businesses.
3. Encourage private sector participation in hospitality and allied sectors.
4. Promote Akhnoor as a heritage and weekend tourism destination for domestic tourists.

The Tourism Department has been taking initiatives to organize heritage walks, cultural programmes and promotional events in coordination with the District Administration and local stakeholders. Further proposals for structured annual festivals and thematic events are under active consideration to ensure sustained tourist engagement and increased footfall.

4. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 20 to discuss the need for funds to develop Sumah as an adventure trekking destination along with a children's recreational park.

Reply:

The development of Sumah as an adventure trekking destination and a children's recreational park shall be considered subject to feasibility assessment and availability of funds.

5. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 20 to discuss the need to introduce regulated water sports activities in River Chenab at Akhnoor to boost tourism and local employment.

Reply:

The proposal for introducing regulated water sports activities in River Chenab at Akhnoor shall be considered subject to the outcome of a detailed feasibility survey owing to the technicalities involved.

XII. Mr. Shabir Ahmad Kullay, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:-

1. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the need for inclusion and development of various potential tourist destinations of District Shopian on the tourism map, including Rainuer, Ladigassan, Peer Ki Gali, Dubjan, Shukroo, Sedow, Manzimkhal, Katarkhal, Shipkhur and Pooen, besides heritage sites like Sukhsarai and Alaibad Sarai, Hirpora Wildlife Sanctuary, and high-altitude lakes such as Nundkol and Marsar, with a view to promote tourism and generate local employment.

Reply:

It is a fact that Shopian District possesses significant and diverse tourism potential including scenic meadows, alpine lakes, Mughal-era monuments, wildlife resources and heritage sites. Recognizing this potential, the Government has constituted the Tourism Development Authority Shopian–Dubjan–Peer-Ki-Gali to plan and implement tourism infrastructure in these areas. Tourism infrastructure such as Tourist Reception Centres (TRCs), huts, public convenience blocks and parks has been developed at various locations. Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, tourism-related infrastructure works in Shopian have been executed at a sanctioned cost of approximately Rs. 4.66 crore. Four single-bedroom huts have been constructed at Bohrihalan at a cost of Rs. 1.66 crore to promote eco-tourism. Under the UT Capex Budget 2024-25, 12 works costing Rs. 2.61 crore were completed and 8 additional works (Rs. 84 lakh) have been initiated. These interventions demonstrate sustained Government commitment toward unlocking Shopian's tourism potential.

2. I move a cut of Rs. 100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the reasons for non-utilisation of the tourism potential of District Shopian, indicating the steps taken /being taken to promote its tourist destinations, as also the status of obtaining requisite NOCs, particularly from the Forest Department, and the measures proposed for development of Peer Ki Gali and Dubjan as all-season and winter tourism hubs on the pattern of Gulmarg.

Reply:

The Tourism Department is fully committed to promoting tourism in Shopian District. However, a major constraint in large-scale infrastructure development is that most identified tourist destinations fall under forest land or within the Hirpora Wildlife Sanctuary, where developmental activities require statutory clearances. The matter regarding transfer of land and grant of NOCs has been

taken up with the Forest & Wildlife Department and is under process. Development of Peer-Ki-Gali and Dubjan as all-season and winter tourism hubs is planned subject to availability of requisite land and statutory approvals. As an interim measure, construction of cafeteria and public convenience facilities at Hirporaen route to Peer-Ki-Gali has been taken up under UT Capex (Rs. 35 lakh).

3. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the district wise details of funds allocated to the Tourism Department and Tourism Development Authorities under UT Capex and other schemes for FY 2025–26, including funds released, expenditure incurred, works approved & executed, and the physical and financial progress achieved in each district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Reply:

The Tourism Department implements its development plan at the UT level through its HoDs, Tourism Development Authorities and allied agencies. For FY 2025-26, a total of 1,573 works (new/ongoing) have been taken up with an approved allocation of Rs. 390 crore, against which expenditure of Rs. 107 crore has been incurred so far, reflecting active implementation and financial progress. The HoD/Agency-wise details of funds allocated, released and expenditure incurred under the Capex Budget 2025-26 are provided below:

Rs. In lacs

S.No	Name of the HoD/D ev. Agency	Total No. of Works taken up	No. of Works					Approved Outlay 2025-26	Funds Released	Expenditure Incurred ending 01/2026
			Accorded AA	Tendered	Allotted	Under Execution	Completed			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir	120	115	114	110	110	0	3000	2531.31	460.56
2	Directorate of Tourism, Jammu	120	118	112	106	101	42	3000	2546.68	597.38
3	JKTDC	69	69	59	58	57	31	1500	1265.21	160.72
4	Sonamarg DA	25	24	24	23	23	13	700	595.51	161.47
5	Pahalgam DA	27	27	27	25	25	16	700	600	360.89
6	Gulmarg DA	20	20	20	20	20	12	700	579.37	150.49
7	Patnitop DA	25	24	22	22	22	4	600	484.72	158.47
8	Kokernag DA	37	36	34	32	32	6	300	254.44	78.64
9	Doodhpathri DA	22	22	15	15	11	5	350	267.71	20.82
10	Wullar-Manasbal DA	36	36	35	35	30	25	300	250.79	35.87
11	Yousmarg DA	20	20	19	19	19	11	184	156.42	58.13
12	Verinag DA	20	20	20	20	18	9	250	208.7	83.2
13	Aharbal DA	29	29	28	27	27	16	190	158.13	35.13
14	Lolab Bangus DA	23	23	23	23	23	4	200	170.01	70.3
15	Ningli Hygam DA	10	9	5	5	5	4	52.71	42.68	2.56
16	Shopian	33	32	29	29	24	20	230	195.	22.278

	Dubjan DA								33	
17	Tosamai dan DA	14	13	12	11	5	5	151.41	128.62	5.28
18	Bhaderwah DA	13	12	12	10	10	0	350	276.85	60.42
19	Poonch DA	31	31	31	30	30	24	201	150.9	33.05
20	Rajouri DA	18	18	18	18	18	5	200	169.82	19.415
21	Surinsar Mansar DA	42	42	41	39	39	24	277.22	234.67	61.34
22	Kishtwar DA	18	18	18	18	18	0	364	298.78	90.41
23	Bani Basholi DA	18	18	18	18	18	11	219.66	186.71	72.76
24	Billawar-Duggan DA	44	43	43	40	37	16	280	233.99	60.35
25	Royal Springs Golf Course	73	70	70	66	28	15	450	382.42	111.43
26	Jammu Tawi Golf Course	20	20	19	18	18	15	350	301.2	140.53
27	Kashmir Golf Course	24	21	21	18	18	10	120	102	18.82
28	SKICC	12	7	6	5	5	2	200	100	47.66
29	Dev. of Golf Course/ Drag Lifts									
i)	J&KCCC	5	5	5	5	5	5	300	237.32	140.25
ii)	Patni top/ D A	1	1	1	1	1	0	500	425	250
	Total:-	969	943	901	866	797	350	16220	13535.29	3568.623

The Department continues to prioritize balanced regional development across all districts of Jammu and Kashmir, including emerging and off-beat destinations such as those in Shopian District.

XIII. Mr. Yudhviri Sethi, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:-

1. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss need for declaring Jammu City as a Heritage City keeping in view its cultural, historical, and architectural significance.

Reply:

Jammu city is also called "City of Temples", to preserve its identity while boosting its economic future, the city needs special recognition by the local Government. Some historians, local leaders, and stake holders advocate for infrastructure and super structure development of the city. The special recognition/nomenclature will help in:

- Preservation of its identity as the "City of Temples". Apart from Raghunath Temple, Ranbireshwar Temple, Peerkho Temple, Panchvakhtar Temple, Aap Shambhu Temple and Bawe Wali Mata Temple, the city is home to hundreds of ancient shrines.
- Preventing Unregulated Construction, Protect historical monuments and the unique architecture of Amar Mahal Palace and Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex.
- Reviving the Mubarak Mandi Complex, creation of a Heritage Circuit and preservation of Museums and Libraries.
- Declaring the city a heritage zone would integrate this complex into a larger "heritage circuit" rather than treating it as an isolated monument.
- Recognition of Dogra Heritage by way of reviving folklore of Dogra Culture, Pahari Paintings which are associated with Heritage Tourism. Special recognition preserves cultural pride, traditional dresses, local languages and traditional life style.

2. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.20 in order to discuss the steps taken for the promotion of various tourist spots of Jammu province with reference to Jammu East Assembly constituency;

Reply:

In order to promote and publicize tourism products, Department is actively engaged in various strategies for the financial year 2025-26 by way of conducting 47 No. (District Jammu) and 89 promotional events so far Besides time to time events are being organized during the festivals like, Navratras, Winter Carnival, Shivratri, etc. In addition, the Department has participated in 12 No. of Marts.

The District wise Publicity Literature of Jammu Division including District Jammu has been prepared, displayed and distributed at various travel marts outside UT J&K and at Promotional Events. However, all these steps form a concerted drive to revive and sustain tourism in Jammu & Kashmir.

- 3. I move a cut of Rs.100/- from Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the development of Jammu as a premier tourist destination, indicating the details of funds sanctioned, expenditure/ utilization during the last two years, indicating the project- wise details for Jammu East Assembly Constituency as also the need to ensure effective implementation and optimal use of public resources and tourism expenditure in Jammu province and Kashmir province.**

Reply:

Financial Progress under Capex Budget for last 2 year

Financial Progress under Capex Budget for last 2 year (Rs. In lacs)							
		2023-24			2024-25		
S.N o.	Name of the Agency	Approved allocation	Funds available	Exp. Incurred	Approved allocation	Funds available	Exp. Incurred
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	KAHSMIR DIVISION						
1	Director Tourism, Kmr	3500.00	1713.87	472.22	3000.00	2370.88	779.91
2	Pahalgam D.A	850.00	476.71	277.94	700.00	496.57	363.54
3	Gulmarg D.A.	800.00	440.85	329.76	700.00	533.14	300.24
4	Sonamarg D.A	912.00	635.83	330.30	700.00	484.87	395.66
5	Kokernag D.A	400.00	227.30	35.97	300.00	233.28	147.88
6	Royal Spring Golf Course	450.00	360.01	270.03	400.00	297.44	243.54

7	SKICC	200.00	44.50	44.50	200.00	160.82	117.99
8	Kashmir Golf Club	150.00	81.37	48.73	120.00	84.01	79.76
9	Wullar Manasbal D.A	340.00	171.06	102.53	268.20	167.38	131.19
10	Yousmarg D.A	215.00	110.75	37.15	258.59	190.81	99.63
11	Dodpathri D.A	330.00	138.34	1.50	117.00	110.38	93.34
12	Lolab Bangus D.A	250.00	106.81	55.83	215.46	172.37	133.65
13	Aharbal D.A.	230.00	112.07	48.50	75.01	41.41	29.28
14	Hygam Ningli Tarzoo Dev. Authority	200.00	118.15	43.18	96.10	77.64	88.84
15	Verinag D.A	230.00	123.37	32.81	277.20	177.76	77.73
16	Shopian-Dubjan-Pir-Ki-Gali	230.00	112.26	72.82	149.72	110.42	42.58
17	Tosamaidan D.A	170.00	85.90	46.85	95.07	76.06	41.41
A	Total	9457.00	5059.15	2250.62	7672.35	5785.24	3166.17
	JAMMU DIVISION						
1	Director Tourism Jammu	3500.00	1917.59	928.09	3000.00	2007.62	1465.56
2	Patnitop D.A	600.00	407.20	111.23	600.00	474.02	285.70
3	Surinsar Mansar D.A	246.00	124.43	21.04	282.93	216.27	164.00
4	Kishtwar D.A	269.00	124.82	37.78	489.00	392.04	181.87
5	Bhaderwah D.A	297.00	82.62	28.66	204.77	164.09	121.22
6	Bani Basholi D.A	230.00	123.93	70.55	284.25	179.40	111.53
7	Billawar-Duggan D.A	230.00	91.61	52.06	389.44	182.52	95.96

8	Poonch D.A.	290.00	145.00	126.53	323.86	227.77	212.42
9	Rajouri D.A	243.00	138.02	103.93	273.80	218.13	189.61
10	JTGC, Jammu	270.00	178.56	86.37	250.00	247.72	242.92
B	Total	6175.00	3333.78	1566.24	6098.05	4309.58	3070.79
For Jammu and Kashmir							
C	Tourism Work Plan	6000.00	3833.36	777.45	9500.00	2189.69	1166.35
D	SANJY	4000.00	9051.08	7401.64	13250.00	0.00	0.00
D	Drag Lift (0457)	1500.00	779.99	440.75	800.00	320.00	299.24
E	JKTDC	1600.00	766.17	579.07	1500.00	359.20	255.63
	Total	13100.00	14430.60	9198.91	25050.00	2868.89	1721.22

Detail of Project in Jammu East Constituency

S. No	Name of the work/Scheme	Project Initiation year	Project Cost	Approved Outlay 25-26	Funds released 2025-26	Total Expenditure Till Date	Date of Completion	Remarks
1	Development of Kheer Bhawani Temple Bhawani Nagar, Jammu	2019-20	192.94	20.46	17.39	93.74	March, 2026	80% work done

2	Development of Peer Kho by way of construction of shed, benches, beautification and allied works	2021-22	100	32.81	27.89	15.77	December, 2026	35% work done
3	Facade lighting at Raghunath Mandir	2023-24	39.99	9.53	8.1	28.33	2024-25	Work completed
4	Facade lighting at Ranbireshwar Mandir	2023-24	39.99	9.13	7.76	28.66	2024-25	Work completed
5	Construction of indoor Swimming Pool at Golf Course Sidhra Jammu	2025-26	400	160	136	1.14	2026-27	Work in progress
	Total		772.92	231.93	197.14	167.64		

XIV. Mr. Thakur Randhir Singh, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:-

1. I move a cut of Rs.100 in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the desirability to identify and promote spots in Upper Ladeya, Sunderbani as an adventure tourism destination;

Reply:

Adventure Tourism at Ladeya Top, Sunderbani:

Ladeya Top, near Eagle View Point, Sunderbani, is an emerging adventure tourism destination. The Tourism Department has organized promotional activities including bike rallies and hiking events. The site offers trekking, hiking, camping, and picnic opportunities for adventure enthusiasts and leisure tourists. It is being promoted through major publicity campaigns, including advertisements at railway stations, airports, trains, flights, participation in tourism marts, and special drives during events such as the Amarnath Yatra. Additional adventure and cultural events are planned under the Publicity and Advertisement Head in the next financial year, with expert teams identifying more potential sites in the region. Currently, three hotels and several registered excursion agents operate in Sunderbani, strengthening the local tourism ecosystem.

3. I move a cut of Rs.100 in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the tourism promotion, infrastructure creation, destination development and expenditure, during the last three years with constituency wise data for Kalakote Sunderbani and reasons for regional disparities;

Reply:

Tourism Promotion and Infrastructure in Kalakote–Sunderbani:

In the Kalakote–Sunderbani constituency, two tourism development projects with a total cost of ₹119.99 lakh are under execution, with ₹20.39 lakh incurred up to March 2025. For FY 2025–26, an approved outlay of ₹38.06 lakh has been provided, of which ₹32.35 lakh has been released. Projects include construction of a toilet complex and parking at Amritmeshwar Temple, Sunderbani, and development of the Tourist Park near Tata Pani Hot Spring, Barmandal Rajouri. Additionally, works such as "Bio Public Convenience along with Kiosk at Tatapani in Kalakote and Kandi in Budhal" (Rs. 15.00 lakh) were completed in 2022–23.

Expenditure in the last five years under Capex Budget (Rs. lakh):
2020–21: 15.71 | 2021–22: 16.76 | 2022–23: 8.50 | 2023–24: 15.91 | 2024–25: 27.98 | **Total: 84.86**

3. I move a cut of Rs.100 in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss to the lack of basic infrastructure and tourist amenities at potential and existing tourist spots in Kalakote–Sunderbani, indicating the details of infrastructure created, amenities developed, funds sanctioned, and present status of facilities during the last three years.

Reply:

Basic Infrastructure and Tourist Amenities:

A total of six tourism-related works have been completed in Kalakote–Sunderbani with an overall sanctioned amount of Rs. 97.00 lakh. These include repair and renovation of tourist huts, development of facilities at Manma Mata, construction of parking and approach roads near Shiv Mandir at Dharpur Barnala, renovation of wayside amenities at Tatapani, and development of Bio PC and kiosks. Expenditure over the last five years totals Rs. 84.86 lakh. New projects will be considered in the next financial year based on feasibility to further reduce infrastructure gaps.

4. I move a cut of Rs.100 in Demand No. 20 in order to discuss the inadequate promotion and publicity of tourism destinations in Kalakote–Sunderbani, indicating the promotional campaigns, tourism events organized, budget spent, and tourist footfall recorded during the last three years.

Reply:

Promotion and Publicity of Tourism Destinations:

The Tourism Department has actively promoted District Rajouri, including Kalakote–Sunderbani, through extensive events, travel marts, and publicity campaigns. Over the last five years, 10 major promotional events were held locally, and 528 promotional events were conducted within and outside J&K. Digital outreach via social media and dissemination of publicity literature have complemented on-ground promotion, while district-wise tourism literature has been displayed and distributed at national travel marts.

5. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No. 20 in order to enquire about the complete detail and present status of the Tourism Project Namely Mahakaleshwar Mahadev Temple at Baba Nar Singh Ji Dev Sathan, Lambari (Nowshera) District Rajouri, proposed under the PRASAD

Scheme to the Ministry of Tourism Govt. Of India Vide Letter No: PS/Secy/ TSM/2023/05 Dated 14-09- 2023 by J&K Govt. indicating the status of land, project, including ownership of land of Baba Nar Singh Ji Dev Sthaan, Lamberi; Whether the available land is sufficient for the project or if additional land is required for development of this significant religious destination.

Reply:

Mahakaleshwar Mahadev Temple Project, Lamberi, Nowshera:

The project for "Reconstruction, Renovation, and Beautification of Mahakaleshwar Mahadev Temple at Baba Nar Singh Ji Dev Sthaan, Lamberi" was proposed under the PRASAD Scheme and forwarded to the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India, vide Letter No. PS/Secy/TSM/2023/05 dated 14-09-2023. A Detailed Project Report, technically vetted by PWD (R&B), Jammu, estimates the cost at Rs. 3.69 crore.

The proposal includes reconstruction, sanitation, drinking water, electrification, landscaping, and other infrastructure to promote the site as a major pilgrimage destination. The land within the existing temple premises is sufficient for project implementation, and no additional land is required. The proposal is under consideration of the Ministry for approval.

XV. Sheikh Khursheed, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:-

I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.20 in order to discuss the reasons for not organizing the tourism mela at Reshwari, Bangus, despite its potential to attract tourists, and the steps taken to promote local tourism in Langate constituency.

Reply:

The Department has been organising tourism events at Bangus Valley on a regular basis since 2020 to promote its tourism potential. A Mega Tourism Festival was successfully conducted in 2023, followed by a Mega Tiranga Rally and allied adventure activities in 2024, which received encouraging participation. However, due to administrative and security-related restrictions imposed in April 2025, no festival could be organised during that period. The Department continues to explore suitable opportunities to organise tourism melas and promotional events in Bangus and adjoining areas of Langate Constituency.

2. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.20 in order to discuss the reasons for continue closure of Bangus valley for tourists on the pretext of security reasons, despite the absence of any actual security threat, and the steps taken for its restoration and proper opening.

Reply

Bangus Valley was temporarily restricted in view of administrative and security considerations. Following a comprehensive review, the destination is scheduled to reopen subject to seasonal accessibility and clearance of snow. The Department remains committed to facilitating tourist access in coordination with the competent authorities.

3. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.20 in order to discuss the long-pending renovation of Lach Rest House, including reasons for delay, the current condition of the property, and a timeline for its completion.

Reply:

The Lach Rest House was taken up earlier but remained incomplete. Department proposes to undertake renovation in FY 2026–27, subject to feasibility and structural assessment.

4. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.20 in order to discuss the details of proposals for developing tourism infrastructure in Langate constituency, including construction or improvement of parks,

facilities, and other tourism-related infrastructure to enhance visitor experience.

Reply

The Department has undertaken targeted initiatives to strengthen tourism infrastructure in Langate Constituency. These include the construction of tourist huts at Kathdaji Mawar, development of a wayside amenity at Mawar Nowgam, and construction and outsourcing of tourist huts at Reshwari Nowgam. Further infrastructure proposals shall be considered in a phased manner, subject to feasibility and availability of funds.

5. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.20 in order to discuss the expenditure incurred by the Tourism Department over the last two years on the development of tourism, region-wise, with Jammu and Kashmir regions separately, and to seek an explanation for allocation and utilization of funds in Langate .

Reply:

The allocation and utilization of funds incurred by the Tourism Department over the last two financial years are tabulated below:

Financial Progress under Capex Budget for last 2 year (Rs. In lacs)							
		2023-24			2024-25		
S.No.	Name of the Agency	Approved allocation	Funds available	Exp. Incurred	Approved allocation	Funds available	Exp. Incurred
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	Kashmir Division	9457.00	5059.15	2250.62	7672.35	5785.24	3166.17
B	Jammu Division	6175.00	3333.78	1566.24	6098.05	4309.58	3070.79
	For Jammu and Kashmir						
C	Tourism Work Plan	6000.00	3833.36	777.45	9500.00	2189.69	1166.35
D	Drag Lift (0457)	1500.00	779.99	440.75	800.00	320.00	299.24
E	JKTDC	1600.00	766.17	579.07	1500.00	359.20	255.63
	Total (C+D+E)	9100.00	5379.52	1797.27	11800.00	2868.89	1721.22

In addition, during the current financial year 2025–26, works approved under the Capex Budget for Langate Constituency are under execution. The Department remains committed to balanced regional development and judicious utilization of funds.

XVI. Mr. Waheed Ur Rehman Para, Hon'ble MLA, to move the following cut motions:

1. I move a cut of Rs. 100/-in Demand No. 20 In order to discuss the policy of the Government for lease extensions in Gulmarg and Pahalgam indicating the total number alongwith details of hotel leases expired.

Reply

51 leases have expired out of 53 leases in respect of Gulmarg. The Govt notified Land Grant Rules in the year 2022 and the case is sub-judice in the Hon'ble High Court.

In respect of Pahalgam, as per revised Land Grant Rules 2022, management and administration of lease has been assigned to concerned Assistant Commissioner Revenue of the concerned District.

There was one lease for 20 Kanals of land, which has been leased out to MS Grand Mumtaz now Raddison.

2. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.20 In order to discuss the current status of the nomination process for the Mughal Gardens in Jammu & Kashmir as a UNESCO's World Heritage site? Has the government completed all necessary documentation and met UNESCO's criteria for inclusion, indicating the steps taken to secure the designation.

Reply:

The department has prepared a comprehensive nomination dossier through conservation architect Ms. Abha Narain Lambah for all the 06-Mughal Gardens of Kashmir. The report was forwarded to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), New Delhi on 22-07-2020 for examination, review and comments. After due deliberations, finalized hard copies of the documentation along with the relevant supporting record like site management plan, Auto CAD drawings and digital records, were forwarded to the Director General, ASI on 21-01-2022 for onward submission to the UNESCO to declare Mughal Gardens as World Heritage sites.

In this regard, the Directorate of Archives, Archaeology & Museums vide communication dated 10-01-2024, again sought updated status from ASI regarding submission of the nomination dossier to UNESCO. Subsequently, a revised Preliminary Assessment Report as per prescribed format has also been

submitted to World Heritage Section, ASI on 09-10-2024, which was followed by a reminder dated 22-07-2025.

The proposal usually takes time from 3-5 years from the date of submission to the date of declaration, as the proposals are routed through multiple departments / ministries of GoI.

3. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.20 In order to discuss the need for engaging the conservation architects to ensure the preservation of Mughal Gardens, their historical and cultural integrity, and the steps being taken to protect the original design and glory of this heritage site?

Reply:

The Department has undertaken restoration of heritage gardens strictly under the supervision of Department of Archives, Archaeology, and Museum. Following details are relevant in this regard:

1. The restoration and conservation of the Shalimar Garden has been taken up by JSW Foundation under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. The JSW foundation has engaged a Conservation Architect for overseeing and guiding the conservation and restoration activities at the site. Furthermore, it is pertinent to mention that the conservation work at Shalimar Garden is being duly supervised by the Department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums, thereby ensuring that the work is carried out in accordance with established conservation principles and heritage protection norms.
2. For conservation and restoration of Nishat Garden, the Department of Floriculture, Gardens & Parks Kashmir through Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, has formulated a comprehensive project proposal in consultation with the Department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums. The said proposal has been submitted for approval and consideration under the scheme, "Revival, Restoration and Maintenance of Architecture Heritage", being implemented by the Department of Culture.

3. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.20, In order to discuss the fact that Under the PMDP, Rs.2,000 crore was earmarked for the development of the tourism sector, specifically for tourist circuits. However, only five circuits, costing approximately Rs.500 crore, were sanctioned; The steps being taken to ensure the optimal and whether responsibility has been fixed for the shortfall.

Reply:

Under Prime Minister's Development Package (Swadesh Darshan scheme) announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister during his visit to J&K in 2015, **an allocation of Rs. 2000 crore was earmarked for tourism sector.** During the financial year 2016-17, **M/o Tourism, GoI sanctioned tourism infrastructure projects under 06 Circuits worth Rs 519.59 crore** in the first phase against which the Ministry has released Rs. 453.46 crore till date for the execution of the projects.

An amount of Rs. 422.72 crore has been expended by various lines agencies i.e **81% of the available/Released funds stand utilized, as per following details:-**

(Rs. In cr)

S. No	Circuit	Sanctioned Amount	Released Amount GOI	Exp till date
1	Jammu- Rajouri-Shopian -Pulwama	81.60	67.35	60.47
2	Anantnag- Kishtwar- Pahalgam – Daksum - Ranjit Sagar	86.39	69.95	62.85
3	Construction of Govt. Tourist assets in lieu of damaged/ destroyed assets- SKICC	90.43	74.70	64.55
4	Jammu- Srinagar- Pahalgam- Anantnag- Salamabad Uri- Kargil- Leh	77.33	67.37	60.76
5	Gulmarg- Baramulla- Kupwara- Leh (NBCC)	91.84	82.16	82.16
6	Mantalai- Sudhmahadev- Patnitop (NPCC)	92.00	91.93	91.93
	Grand Total	519.59	453.46	422.72

The Tourism Department has been implementing various schemes and ensuring optimal utilization of allocated funds. However, in certain locations, full utilization of funds could not be achieved due to delays in obtaining **forest clearances/Land disputes and Low**

allotted cost.

Besides, to avail further funding, **the department has submitted projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme 2.0, Challenge Based Destination Development to the Ministry of Tourism GOI** however sanction has not been conveyed by the Ministry of Tourism GoI till date.

5. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.20 In order to discuss the district wise details of new tourism circuits or destinations approved separately for Jammu and Kashmir under Swadesh Darshan Phase II, PRASAD, or any other programs of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India?

Reply:

No new tourism circuits or destinations have been approved/sanctioned for Jammu and Kashmir under **Swadesh Darshan Phase II, PRASAD**, or any other programme of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of india.

XVII. Mr. Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi, Hon'ble MLA to move the following Cut Motions:

1. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.20 in order to discuss the absence of livelihood protection for tourism dependent workers affected by post-April 2025 booking cancellations, and whether the Government will introduce insurance cover, income support, emergency relief, and loan relief measures for their rehabilitation.

Reply:

The unfortunate terror incident at Pahalgam adversely affected tourist inflow across the Kashmir Valley, thereby impacting the livelihoods of stakeholders associated with the tourism sector. The Government has taken cognizance of the matter and initiated measures, including promotional outreach, confidence-building initiatives to restore tourist confidence and revive tourism. These efforts have yielded encouraging results, with improved tourist footfall in the winter season. The Government remains committed to supporting the sustained recovery and growth of the sector.

2. I move a cut of Rs.100/- in Demand No.20 in order to discuss the details of construction/ renovation made by the Tourism Department of various Religious places throughout J&K under Pilgrimage Tourism.

Reply:

The Tourism Department is implementing development, upgradation, and visitor-facility works at religious and Sufi destinations across Jammu & Kashmir under the Pilgrimage/Religious Circuits. These works focus on strengthening essential infrastructure, including pathways, lighting, public conveniences, ghats, parking facilities, and allied amenities, with the objective of enhancing the overall pilgrim and visitor experience.

In addition, new works have been identified and proposed, for which Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have been prepared. The Department remains committed to promoting and strengthening pilgrimage and Sufi tourism through phased and sustainable infrastructure development initiatives.

**Sd/-
Minister Incharge Tourism (HCM)**

**Under Secretary to the Government
Tourism Department**