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Journal Name:	<a href="#">South Asian Journal of Social Studies and Economics</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_SAJSSSE_124854
Title of the Manuscript:	The Role of Tourism Development in Regional Planning and Poverty Alleviation: A Case Study of Bukit Lawang and Tangkahan, Langkat Regency
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

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<p><b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b></p>	<p>The research addresses a highly relevant issue, as tourism is often seen as a key driver of regional development in developing countries. The focus on Bukit Lawang and Tangkahan, two well-known tourist areas in Indonesia, makes the study even more pertinent, as it highlights real-world challenges and opportunities within a specific context.</p>	
<p><b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b></p>	<p>Yes.</p>	
<p><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</b></p>	<p>Yes.</p>	
<p><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p>	<p>The article titled <i>"The Role of Tourism Development in Regional Planning and Poverty Alleviation: A Case Study of Bukit Lawang and Tangkahan, Langkat Regency"</i> provides an insightful analysis into the intersection of tourism, regional planning, and poverty alleviation in two prominent tourist areas. The research presents a valuable contribution to the ongoing discussion on the role of tourism in economic development and regional growth, particularly in underdeveloped areas. However, there are areas for improvement, particularly in terms of citation support, the clarity of English, and a deeper exploration of the study's findings.</p>	
<p><b>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b></p>	<p><b>Methodological rigor:</b> The use of Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) with SmartPLS software adds robustness to the analysis, allowing for a nuanced understanding of the relationships between tourism development, regional planning, and poverty alleviation. The quantitative approach and the inclusion of 150 respondents provide a solid foundation for the conclusions drawn.</p>	
<p><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b> =</p>	<p><b>Lack of sufficient citations:</b> One of the major shortcomings of the article is the lack of adequate citations and engagement with existing literature. While the study touches on important themes, it would benefit from a stronger theoretical foundation. Incorporating a broader range of sources would not only strengthen the analysis but also contextualize the findings within the existing body of tourism and development literature. The article could cite similar studies on tourism development's impact on poverty reduction and regional planning from other regions to support or contrast its findings.</p>	

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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