

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+2471
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025**

INCLUSION OF PILGRIMAGE SITES IN PRASHAD SCHEME

†2471. SHRI RAJKUMAR ROAT:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of pilgrim centres and the amount of the funds utilised there under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme in the country;**
- (b) the details of the norms for selecting any pilgrim centre/religious spot under the scheme, State-wise;**
- (c) the details of the work done and funds utilised in Dungarpur and Banswada districts in Banswada Lok Sabha Constituency under PRASHAD Scheme, work and block-wise;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to include Beneshwar Dham, Mangarh Dham, Ghotiya Amba, Govind Guru birthplace Basia Dham, Bhed Matai, Mandaviya Hanuman and Gotmeshwar Baba including congregations of tribal saints under the scheme; and**
- (e) if so, the timeline therefor and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): The Ministry of Tourism under the “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive” (PRASHAD) provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure at identified religious and heritage sites across the country, the detail of which is given in the Annexure.

(b): The selection of pilgrimage destinations/heritage sites under PRASHAD Scheme is based on various parameters, which, inter-alia, include the number of footfalls, cultural, historical & heritage significance of the locations, equitable representation to ensure nationwide development, and other factors. This process is undertaken in consultation with State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs).

(c): The Ministry of Tourism has not sanctioned any project in Dungarpur and Banswada districts in Banswada Lok Sabha Constituency under PRASHAD Scheme.

(d) and (e): No proposal is under the consideration of the Ministry of Tourism to include Beneshwar Dham, Mangarh Dham, Ghotiya Amba, Govind Guru birthplace Basia Dham, Bhed Matai, Mandaviya Hanuman and Gotmeshwar Baba including congregations of tribal saints under the PRASHAD Scheme.

Receiving proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations for financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2471 ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025 REGARDING INCLUSION OF PILGRIMAGE SITES IN PRASHAD SCHEME RAISED BY SHRI RAJKUMAR ROAT****List of projects under PRASHAD Scheme:**

| S. No. | State | Project Name | Sanction Year | Sanction Amount (Rs. Crores) | Amount Released (Rs. Crores) | Amount Utilized (Rs. Crores) |
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| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination | 2015-16 | 27.77 | 27.77 | 27.77 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | Development of Srisailem Temple | 2017-18 | 43.08 | 43.08 | 43.08 |
| 3 | Andhra Pradesh | Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam Temple | 2022-23 | 54.04 | 27.37 | 13.68 |
| 4 | Andhra Pradesh | Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town | 2024-25 | 25.33 | - | - |
| 5 | Arunachal Pradesh | Development of Parshuram Kund, Lohit Distt. | 2020-21 | 37.88 | 31.02 | 21.95 |

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| 6 | Assam | Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati | 2015-16 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| 7 | Bihar | Development at Patna Sahib | 2015-16 | 29.62 | 29.62 | 29.62 |
| 8 | Bihar | Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar | 2014-15 | 3.63 | 3.63 | 3.63 |
| 9 | Bihar | Development of Ambika Bhawani Temple, Saran | 2024-25 | 13.29 | - | - |
| 10 | Chhattisgarh | Development of Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple, Dongargarh, Rajnandgaon District, Chhattisgarh | 2020-21 | 48.44 | 40.19 | 31.94 |
| 11 | Goa | Development of Bom Jesus Basilica | 2024-25 | 16.46 | 4.68 | 0 |
| 12 | Gujarat | Development of Dwarka | 2016-17 | 10.46 | 10.46 | 10.46 |
| 13 | Gujarat | Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath | 2016-17 | 45.36 | 45.36 | 45.36 |
| 14 | Gujarat | Development of Promenade at Somnath | 2018-19 | 47.12 | 47.12 | 47.12 |
| 15 | Gujarat | Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at | 2022-23 | 50.00 | 30.00 | 19.16 |

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| | | Ambaji Temple, Banaskantha, Gujarat | | | | |
| 16 | Haryana | Development of Mata Mansa Devi Temple and Nada Saheb Gurudwara in Panchkula District | 2019-20 | 48.53 | 34.68 | 34.68 |
| 17 | Jammu & Kashmir | Development at Hazratbal Shrine, Srinagar | 2016-17 | 40.46 | 34.30 | 34.30 |
| 18 | Jharkhand | Development of Baba Baidyanath Dham, Deoghar | 2018-19 | 36.79 | 34.95 | 31.23 |
| 19 | Karnataka | Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple, Mysuru | 2023-24 | 45.38 | - | - |
| 20 | Karnataka | Development of Renuka Yallama Devi temple | 2024-25 | 18.37 | - | - |
| 21 | Karnataka | Development of Basic Amenities at Papnash Temple, Bidar dist. | 2024-25 | 22.25 | - | - |
| 22 | Kerala | Development at Guruvayur Temple | 2016-17 | 45.19 | 45.19 | 45.18 |

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| 23 | Madhya Pradesh | Development of Amarkantak | 2020-21 | 49.99 | 42.47 | 34.63 |
| 24 | Madhya Pradesh | Development of Omkareshwar | 2017-18 | 43.93 | 43.93 | 43.93 |
| 25 | Maharashtra | Development of Trimbakeshwar, Nashik | 2017-18 | 45.41 | 38.44 | 38.43 |
| 26 | Meghalaya | Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya | 2020-21 | 29.29 | 27.78 | 27.78 |
| 27 | Mizoram | Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism in the State of Mizoram | 2022-23 | 44.89 | 26.37 | 13.18 |
| 28 | Mizoram | Development of Basic Amenities under PRASHAD scheme in Vangchhia, Champhai District | 2024-25 | 5.47 | - | - |
| 29 | Nagaland | Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland | 2018-19 | 25.20 | 23.56 | 23.56 |
| 30 | Nagaland | Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto | 2022-23 | 18.18 | 15.45 | 15.45 |

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| 31 | Odisha | Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham - Ramachandi - Prachi River front at Demuli under Mega Circuit | 2014-15 | 50.00 | 10.00 | - |
| 32 | Puducherry | Development of Pilgrim Facilities & Tourist attractions for Sri Dharbaranyes wara Temple | 2024-25 | 25.94 | - | - |
| 33 | Punjab | Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar | 2015-16 | 6.40 | 6.40 | 6.40 |
| 34 | Punjab | Development of Chamkaur Sahib at Rupar, Punjab | 2021-22 | 30.52 | 21.93 | 21.93 |
| 35 | Rajasthan | Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer | 2015-16 | 32.64 | 26.11 | 26.11 |
| 36 | Sikkim | Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom | 2020-21 | 33.32 | 28.31 | 28.31 |
| 37 | Tamil Nadu | Development of Kanchipuram | 2016-17 | 13.99 | 13.99 | 13.99 |
| 38 | Tamil Nadu | Development of Velankanni | 2016-17 | 4.86 | 4.86 | 4.86 |
| 39 | Tamil Nadu | Development | 2024-25 | 40.94 | - | - |

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| | | of 8 Navagraha Temples | | | | |
| 40 | Telangana | Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple, Alampur | 2020-21 | 38.90 | 33.07 | 33.07 |
| 41 | Telangana | Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Mulugu | 2022-23 | 62.00 | 32.73 | 12.65 |
| 42 | Telangana | Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam , BhadradriKoth agudem District | 2022-23 | 41.38 | 8.43 | 7.85 |
| 43 | Telangana | Development of Basic Amenities at goddess Renuka Yellama Devasthanam | 2024-25 | 4.22 | - | - |
| 44 | Tripura | Development of Tripura Sundari Temple, Udaipur | 2020-21 | 34.43 | 28.01 | 25.63 |
| 45 | Uttar Pradesh | Development of Varanasi – Phase –I | 2015-16 | 18.73 | 18.73 | 18.73 |

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| 46 | Uttar Pradesh | Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II) | 2014-15 | 10.98 | 10.98 | 10.98 |
| 47 | Uttar Pradesh | River Cruise Tourism in Ganga, Varanasi | 2017-18 | 9.02 | 9.02 | 9.02 |
| 48 | Uttar Pradesh | Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan | 2014-15 | 9.36 | 9.36 | 9.36 |
| 49 | Uttar Pradesh | Development of Varanasi – Phase –II | 2017-18 | 44.60 | 31.77 | 31.77 |
| 50 | Uttar Pradesh | Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan | 2018-19 | 37.59 | 30.97 | 30.73 |
| 51 | Uttarakhand | Integrated Development of Kedarnath | 2015-16 | 34.77 | 34.77 | 34.77 |
| 52 | Uttarakhand | Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham | 2018-19 | 56.15 | 38.38 | 38.37 |
| 53 | Uttarakhand | Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities and Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham | 2021-22 | 54.36 | 10.22 | 10.22 |
| 54 | West Bengal | Development of Belur Math | 2016-17 | 30.03 | 23.39 | 23.39 |
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