

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2100
ANSWERED ON 08.03.2021**

DEVELOPMENT OF SINGHESHWAR DHAM

**†2100. SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:
SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of places selected in Jammu & Kashmir and Jharkhand under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation drive along with the details thereof;**
- (b) whether Singheswar Dham located in Saharsa, Bihar has been selected under the said scheme along with the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the funds released for the promotion of the selected places during the last three years;**
- (d) whether no progress has been made for the development/promotion of Singheswar Dham even after its inclusion in the Ramayana Circuit; and**
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a): Hazratbal Dargah (Srinagar), Katra and Sundarbani in Rajauri District of Jammu & Kashmir and Baidyanath ji Dham (Deoghar) and Sri Parasnathji Jain Shrine (Giridih) in Jharkhand have been identified for development under PRASHAD Scheme. As per the project proposals received from the respective State Government/Union Territory Administration following projects have been approved by the Ministry of Tourism under PRASHAD Scheme:

- **“Development of Hazratbal Dargah, Srinagar” approved in the year 2016-17 at an estimated cost of Rs. 40.46 crore. An amount of Rs. 32.37 crore has been released for the project.**
- **“Development of Baidyanathji Dham, Deoghar, Jharkhand” approved in the year 2018-19 at an estimated cost of Rs. 39.13 crore. An amount of Rs. 20.58 Crore has been released for the project till date.**

Both the projects are at various stages of the execution.

(b): No, Sir. Singheswar Dham Saharsa, Bihar has not been selected under PRASHAD scheme.

(c): Ministry of Tourism undertakes promotional activities in domestic and international markets through its schemes of ‘Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH)’ and Overseas Promotion & Publicity Including Market Development Assistance (OPMD). Under these schemes, Ministry of Tourism promotes India as a holistic destination under the Incredible India brand-line. As part of its on-going activities, the Ministry releases print, electronic, online and outdoor media campaigns in the international and domestic markets, to promote various tourism destinations and products of the country including Maharashtra. It is further informed that Development and promotion is primarily responsibility of State Govt. / UTs.

Expenditure Under DPPH Head-During the last three years are as under:

Financial Year	Expenditure (Rs. In crore)
2017-18	89.84
2018-19	127.34
2019-20	99.62

(d) & (e): No project for Singheswar Dham, Bihar is sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism under Ramayana Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.
