

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 94#
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2022

DEVELOPMENT OF BANKS OF GANGES FOR TOURISM IN VARANASI

94#. SMT. SEEMA DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) the plan contemplated upon by Government for developing both the banks of Ganges for promoting tourism in the oldest city, Varanasi and by when it is targeted to be completed; and
- (b) whether there is any scheme for superior arrangement for lodging and smooth movement of tourists on both the banks of Ganges keeping in view the urban population and dense settlement in the city?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 94# ANSWERED ON 10.02.2022 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF BANKS OF GANGES FOR TOURISM IN VARANASI.

(a) & (b): The works approved by the Ministry of Tourism at river Ganges in Varanasi for development and promotion of tourism are mentioned below:

PRASHAD Scheme:

- Ghat Development at Kaithi Markandey Mahadev Temple under the project “Development of Varanasi Phase-I” - the work is complete.
- Illumination of Ghats from Raj Ghat to Assi Ghat and provision of Audio System under the Project “Development of Varanasi – Phase II”. The work for illumination of Ghats is complete.
- Project for Development of Cruise Tourism in the year 2017-18. The services of the cruise Boat have been commenced.

Scheme for Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development:

- Illumination of Dashashwamedh Ghat to Darbanga Ghat, Tulsi Manas Mandir in the year 2017-18 – The work is complete.
- Development of Jetty at Ramnagar in the year 2019-20.

In addition, State Government of Uttar Pradesh has approved works for developing a four lane model road with a length of 8.15 km from Raj Ghat Bridge to Ramnagar to facilitate Kashi Vishwanath Darshan and Ganga Aarti Darshan. The work includes the development of Khidkiya Ghat with world class public conveniences with an aim of smooth movement of tourists and traffic.

Ministry of Tourism has not provided funds for accommodation facilities in Varanasi under any of its ongoing schemes.
