

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1183
ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022**

IDENTIFICATION OF RELIGIOUS SITES FOR DEVELOPMENT

1183. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

SHRI SHA.BRA.DR.JAI SIDDESHWAR SHIVACHARYA MAHASWAMIJI:

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SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:

SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has drawn any action plan to identify religious sites like Jyotirlingas, Panch Badri, Panch Prayag, Panch Kedar, Chardhams, Shakti Pithas, etc. and other important religious sites not only related to Sanatan dharma but also to other religions in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has identified some such destinations for comprehensive development like Kashi and Ayodhya; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for not initiating such steps on a top priority basis?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme was launched by the Ministry of Tourism in the years 2014-15. Under "PRASHAD" scheme of the Ministry of Tourism, Central Financial Assistance is provided to the respective State Governments/Union Territories Administrations for development of pilgrimage and/or heritage tourism infrastructure at such places on receipt of suitable proposals from the respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations in line with the scheme guidelines and subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports and utilization of funds released earlier. This scheme is open for all religious sites irrespective of any religion. The details of the projects undertaken under the scheme are at annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1183 ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022 REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF RELIGIOUS SITES FOR DEVELOPMENT.

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Project Nos	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Approved cost	Amount Released
			Names of approved projects		₹ in Cr.	₹ in Cr.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1.	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination**	2015-16	27.77	27.77
		2.	Development of Srisailam Temple**	2017-18	43.08	43.08
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.	Development of Parasuram Kund, Lohit Distt.	2020-21	37.88	7.34
3.	Assam	4.	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati**	2015-16	29.80	29.80
4.	Bihar	5.	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar**	2014-15	4.27	2.91
		6.	Development at Patna Sahib**	2015-16	41.54	33.23
5.	Chhattisgarh	7.	Development of Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple,	2020-21	43.33	21.45

			Rajnandgaon, Dongargarh, Chhattisgarh			
6.	Gujarat	8.	Development of Dwarka**	2016-17	13.08	10.46
		9.	Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath**	2016-17	45.36	45.36
		10.	Development of Promenade at Somnath under PRASHAD Scheme**	2018-19	47.12	44.76
		11.	Development of Pilgrim Plaza with Queue Management Complex at Somnath Gujarat	2021-22	49.97	Adm. Appl only 10.03.2 2
7.	Haryana	12.	Development of Nada Saheb Gurudwara and Mata Mansha Devi Temple in Panchkula District	2019-20	49.52	28.77
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	13.	Development at Hazratbal,	2016-17	40.46	32.37
9.	Jharkhand	14.	Development of BaidyanathjiDham, Deoghar	2018-19	39.13	31.23
10.	Kerala	15.	Development at Guruvayur Temple**	2016-17	46.14	36.91
11.	Madhya Pradesh	16.	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	44.83	35.87
		17.	Development of Amarkantak	2020-21	49.99	4.86
12.	Maharashtra	18.	Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	52.92	24.23
13.	Meghalaya	19.	Development of	2020-21	29.32	8.80

			Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya			
14.	Nagaland	20.	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland	2018-19	25.26	20.06
15.	Odisha	21.	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree JagannathDham – Ramachandi - Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	2014-15	50.00	10.00
16.	Punjab	22.	Development of KarunaSagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar **	2015-16	6.40	6.40
		23.	Development of Chamkaur Sahib at Rupar, Punjab under PRASHAD Scheme	2021-22	31.57	Adm. Appl only 10.03.22
17.	Rajasthan	24.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64	26.11
18.	Sikkim	25.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32	18.50
19.	Tamilnadu	26.	Development of Kanchipuram**	2016-17	13.99	13.99
		27.	Development of Vellankani**	2016-17	4.86	4.86
20.	Telangana	28.	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple, Alampur	2020-21	36.73	10.27

21.	Tripura	29.	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple, Udaipur	2020-21	37.80	18.42
22.	Uttarakhand	30.	Integrated Development of Kedarnath**	2015-16	34.77	34.77
		31.	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham (Uttarakhand) under PRASHAD Scheme	2018-19	56.13	20.79
		32.	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities and Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham in Uttarakhand under PRASHAD Scheme	2021-22	54.36	14.06
23.	Uttar Pradesh	33.	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)**	2014-15	14.93	10.38
		34.	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura**	2014-15	9.36	9.36
		35.	Development of Varanasi – Phase –I**	2015-16	20.40	16.32
		36.	Cruise Tourism in River Ganga, Varanasi	2017-18	10.72	8.57

		37.	Development of Varanasi Under Prashad Scheme – Phase II	2017-18	44.60	31.77
		38.	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan, Mathura, UP	2018-19	39.74	30.97
24.	West Bengal	39.	Development of Belur	2016-17	30.03	23.39
			Total		1323.16	798.19

**** Physical execution of the project completed**
