

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2043
ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023**

DEVELOPMENT OF MAHABODHI TEMPLE

†2043. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the various works undertaken by the Government for the development of Mahabodhi Temple located in Bodh Gaya under Gaya Parliamentary Constituency, Bihar since its declaration as a world heritage site by the UNESCO in 2002;**
- (b) whether the Government has future plans for the development of this temple, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/ Union Territory Administration (UTA), however, the Ministry of Tourism provides Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country including Bihar, under its ongoing schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD). Submission of proposals and sanctioning of projects under the above mentioned schemes are a continuous process which is done in consultation with the respective State Government/UTA and is subject to availability of funds, receipt of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines, performance of ongoing projects and utilization of funds released earlier etc. This Ministry has sanctioned two projects in Gaya District, viz. Development of Convention Centre at Bodh Gaya under Swadesh Darshan Scheme and Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, under PRASHAD Scheme.
