

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†5142
ANSWERED ON 03.04.2023**

**IDENTIFICATION OF IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS PLACES OF GUJARAT UNDER
PRASAD SCHEME**

**†5142. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:
SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the major pilgrimage centers have been identified by the Government under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) scheme particularly in Gujarat;**
- (b) if so, the details of the efforts already taken/to be taken to enrich the religious tourism experience;**
- (c) whether any letter has been sent to the Government of Gujarat to identify important religious places;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether there is any provision to add religious place to the list of centers identified under PRASAD scheme as per local demands; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (f): Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA). However, the Ministry of Tourism under its scheme viz. National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) provides Financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for creation of pilgrimage tourism infrastructure at the pre-identified destinations across the country. Submission of proposals and sanctioning of projects under the above scheme is a continuous process which is done in consultation with the respective SG/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. Based on above, a total number of 45 projects for a cost of Rs.1586.10 Lakh covering pilgrimage sites across 25 states/UT's including 5 for an amount of Rs.205.53 Lakh in the State of Gujarat have been approved under the PRASHAD Scheme.
