

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†127
ANSWERED ON 04.12.2023**

SPECIAL SCHEMES TO INCREASE RELIGIOUS TOURISM

†127. SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that religious tourism has increased in the country during the last five years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government is implementing any special scheme in this regard; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): The details of state-wise domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTV) during the last five years are given in the Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Tourism under its PRASHAD Scheme provides Central Financial Assistance to the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure at the religious tourist places on receipt of suitable project proposals in line with the Scheme Guidelines. State-wise details of the projects approved under PRASHAD Scheme on the basis of the project proposals received from the respective State Governments, approved costs and the funds released are available in Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†127 ANSWERED ON 04.12.2023 REGARDING SPECIAL SCHEMES TO INCREASE RELIGIOUS TOURISM BY SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT.**

The State-wise details of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVs) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) during 2018-2022 are as follows:

(in Lakhs)

States/UTs	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	4.98	0.15	5.05	0.16	1.91	0.05	1.26	0.02	2.35	0.04
Andhra Pradesh	1947.68	2.81	2370.52	2.80	708.29	0.68	932.78	0.28	1927.17	1.66
Arunachal Pradesh	5.12	0.08	5.56	0.08	0.43	0.01	1.03	0.00	2.22	0.01
Assam	47.11	0.16	54.48	0.27	12.67	0.07	14.09	0.01	83.82	0.09
Bihar	336.22	10.88	339.90	10.93	56.38	3.08	25.01	0.01	253.30	0.87
Chandigarh	15.39	0.40	15.64	0.44	4.18	0.12	2.29	0.05	30.27	0.28
Chhattisgarh	193.30	0.14	173.05	0.07	28.10	0.02	47.47	0.00	236.36	0.00
UT of Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	15.08	0.07	15.16	0.07	4.02	0.02	6.61	0.00	8.00	0.02
Delhi	291.14	27.41	364.68	29.83	95.84	6.81	106.42	1.00	271.86	8.16
Goa	70.82	9.34	71.27	9.37	32.59	3.03	33.08	0.22	70.12	1.75
Gujarat	543.70	5.13	588.65	5.96	194.65	2.10	245.25	0.11	1358.11	17.77
Haryana	48.89	0.74	45.49	0.48	21.15	0.17	20.25	0.05	21.08	0.02
Himachal Pradesh	160.94	3.57	168.29	3.83	31.71	0.43	56.32	0.05	150.71	0.29
Jammu & Kashmir	170.76	1.40	161.63	0.58	25.20	0.05	113.15	0.02	184.99	0.20
Jharkhand	354.09	1.76	355.81	1.76	25.75	0.00	33.84	0.02	382.84	1.92
Karnataka	2143.06	5.44	2279.35	6.09	774.53	1.65	813.34	0.72	1824.13	1.29
Kerala	156.05	10.96	183.84	11.90	49.89	3.41	75.38	0.60	188.67	3.46
Lakshadweep	0.10	0.01	0.07	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.23	0.00
Madhya Pradesh	839.70	3.75	887.07	3.28	235.20	1.00	255.54	0.42	358.49	2.04
Maharashtra	1191.92	50.79	1492.95	55.29	392.35	12.62	435.69	1.86	1112.98	15.12

States/UTs	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV
Manipur	1.76	0.06	1.68	0.14	0.50	0.03	0.49	0.01	1.40	0.04
Meghalaya	11.98	0.18	12.46	0.26	0.25	0.02	1.54	0.00	9.37	0.08
Mizoram	0.77	0.01	1.64	0.02	0.31	0.00	0.87	0.00	2.18	0.03
Nagaland	1.02	0.05	1.26	0.06	0.11	0.01	0.24	0.00	0.97	0.03
Odisha	152.09	1.11	153.08	1.15	46.22	0.10	37.42	0.02	78.68	0.22
Puducherry	16.17	1.41	17.13	1.50	11.15	0.92	12.53	0.00	17.60	0.01
Punjab	445.95	12.01	473.85	11.01	166.92	3.59	266.40	3.08	260.89	3.29
Rajasthan	502.36	17.54	522.20	16.06	151.17	4.46	219.89	0.35	1083.28	3.97
Sikkim	14.26	0.71	14.22	1.33	3.16	0.20	5.12	0.12	16.26	0.69
Tamil Nadu	3859.09	60.74	4948.65	68.66	1406.51	12.28	1153.37	0.58	2185.85	4.07
Tripura	4.14	1.03	4.37	1.54	1.28	0.32	1.78	0.00	2.36	0.08
Telangana	928.78	3.18	830.36	3.23	399.97	0.47	320.01	0.06	607.48	0.68
Uttar Pradesh	2850.80	37.81	5358.55	47.45	861.22	8.91	1097.08	0.45	3179.14	6.49
Uttarakhand	356.10	1.51	375.86	1.52	70.05	0.41	194.34	0.09	546.43	0.62
West Bengal	856.57	16.17	923.66	16.56	288.42	4.63	243.26	0.35	845.42	10.37
Ladakh	0.00	0.00	2.41	0.39	0.07	0.01	3.03	0.01	5.10	0.21
Total	18537.9	288.5	23219.8	314.1	6102.2	71.7	6776.3	10.5	17310.1	85.9

Source: States/UTs Department Tourism

ANNEXURE-II**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†127 ANSWERED ON 04.12.2023 REGARDING SPECIAL SCHEMES TO INCREASE RELIGIOUS TOURISM BY SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT.**

List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme are as follows:

(Rs. In Crore)				
State/UT	S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost
Andhra Pradesh	1	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination**	2015-16	27.77
	2	Development of Srisailam Temple**	2017-18	43.08
	3	Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam Temple	2022-23	54.04
Arunachal Pradesh	4	Development of Parshuram Kund, Lohit Distt.	2020-21	37.88
Assam	5	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati. **	2015-16	29.80
Bihar	6	Development at Patna Sahib**	2015-16	41.54
	7	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar**	2014-15	4.27
Chhattisgarh	8	Development of Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple, Dongargarh, Rajnandgaon District, Chhattisgarh	2020-21	43.33
Gujarat	9	Development of Dwarka**	2016-17	13.08
	10	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath**	2016-17	45.36
	11	Development of Promenade at Somnath**	2018-19	47.12
	12	Development of Pilgrim Plaza with Queue management complex at Somnath Gujarat	2021-22	49.97
	13	Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple, Banaskantha, Gujarat	2022-23	50.00
Haryana	14	Development of Mata Mansa and Nada Saheb Gurudwara Devi Temple in Panchkula District	2019-20	48.53
Jammu and Kashmir	15	Development at Hazratbal Shrine, Srinagar	2016-17	40.46

State/UT	S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost
Jharkhand	16	Development of Baba Baidyanath Dham, Deoghar**	2018-19	39.13
Karnataka	17	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple, Mysuru	2023-24	45.71
Kerala	18	Development at Guruvayur Temple**	2016-17	45.19
Madhya Pradesh	19	Development of Amarkantak	2020-21	49.99
	20	Development of Omkareshwar**	2017-18	43.93
Maharashtra	21	Development of Trimbakeshwar, Nashik	2017-18	52.92
Meghalaya	22	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya	2020-21	29.32
Mizoram	23	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism in the State of Mizoram	2022-23	44.89
Nagaland	24	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland	2018-19	25.26
	25	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto	2022-23	18.18
Odisha	26	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham – Ramachandi - Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit #	2014-15	50.00
Punjab	27	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar**	2015-16	6.40
	28	Development of Chamkaur Sahib at Rupar, Punjab	2021-22	31.57
Rajasthan	29	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64
Sikkim	30	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32
Tamil Nadu	31	Development of Kanchipuram**	2016-17	13.99
	32	Development of Velankanni**	2016-17	4.86
Telangana	33	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple, Alampur	2020-21	36.73
	34	Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Mulugu	2022-23	62.00
	35	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam, Bhadradri Kothagudem	2022-23	41.38

State/UT	S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost
		District		
Tripura	36	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple, Udaipur	2020-21	37.80
Uttar Pradesh	37	Development of Varanasi –Phase –I**	2015-16	18.72
	38	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II) **	2014-15	10.98
	39	River Cruise Tourism in Ganga, Varanasi**	2017-18	9.02
	40	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan**	2014-15	9.36
	41	Development of Varanasi – Phase II**	2017-18	44.60
	42	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	2018-19	39.74
Uttarakhand	43	Integrated Development of Kedarnath**	2015-16	34.77
	44	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham	2018-19	56.15
	45	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities and Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham	2021-22	54.36
West Bengal	46	Development of Belur Math	2016-17	30.03
		Total		1629.17

**** Projects completed**

Project Declared completed to the extent work done.
