

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.42  
ANSWERED ON 25.11.2024**

**REVAMPING OF GOLDEN TEMPLE AREA**

**42 SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes a special grant on the lines of special grant allocated for the development of Varanasi or otherwise or initiative to equip the Golden Temple area with world class facilities like a ropeway, capsule elevators, and adequate parking infrastructure for the revamping and modernisation of the Golden Temple area in Amritsar, which receives an estimated 150,000 tourists daily as this would greatly benefit the local economy and improve tourist satisfaction;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has any plans or discussions to this effect, or considers prioritising such an initiative for Amritsar; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (d): Ministry of Tourism, through its central sector scheme of 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) and 'Swadesh Darshan' supports tourism infrastructure development by providing financial assistance to State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.**

**Ministry has sanctioned 2 projects named 'Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar' and 'Development of Chamkaur Sahib' at the cost of Rs.6.40 Crore and Rs.31.57 Crore, respectively and 1 site named 'Durgyana Temple, Amritsar District is identified for development in Punjab under its PRASHAD Scheme.**

**Moreover, under Swadesh Darshan Scheme, Ministry has sanctioned a project named 'Development of Anandpur Sahib - Fatehgarh Sahib - Chamkaur Sahib - Ferozpur - Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour - Patiala' at the cost of Rs.85.32 Crore in Punjab and 2 projects named 'Border Tourism Experience at Attari' at Amritsar and 'Eco Tourism experience at Kanjli wetland' at Kapurthala are sanctioned at the cost of Rs.25.90 Crore and Rs.20.06 Crore, respectively in Punjab under its Swadesh Darshan 2.0. Scheme.**

**Furthermore, 2 destinations named Ferozpur (Hussainiwala Border) and Rupnagar (Anandpur Sahib) are identified under Challenge Based Destination Development, a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0.**

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