

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
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RELIGIOUS TOURISM IN CHHATTISGARH

465 SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

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

- (a) the details of measures taken by Government to promote religious tourism in the State of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the progress made in this regard;
- (c) the total number of sites in Chhattisgarh included under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme; and
- (d) the proposed measures to be taken in this respect?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism as part of its ongoing endeavour promotes various tourism destinations and products of the country including religious tourism in the State of Chhattisgarh through promotional activities, events, website, social media promotions etc.

The Ministry of Tourism through its ongoing schemes of Swadesh Darshan, 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of the State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs) by extending financial assistance to SGs/UTs for tourism infrastructure development, including infrastructure development at religious sites.

Under the PRASHAD scheme, the Ministry has sanctioned one project titled "Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple" at a cost of Rs.48.44 crore.

Under Swadesh Darshan Scheme, the Ministry has sanctioned a total of 76 projects for Rs.5287.90 Crore, which includes one project in Chhattisgarh titled "Development of Jashpur-Kunkuri-Mainpat-Kamleshpur-Maheshpur-Kurdar-Sarodhadadar-Gangrel-Kondagaon-Nathianawagaon-Jagdarpur-Chitrakoot-Tirthgarh", sanctioned at a cost of Rs.96.10 crore. Two destinations named 'Bilaspur' and 'Jagdarpur' are identified under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 and one destination named 'Mayali Bagicha' is identified under Challenge Based Destination Development, a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0.
