

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1119  
ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024**

**DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGIOUS TOURISM IN GUJARAT**

**1119. SHRI HARIBHAI PATEL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to develop religious tourism in the State of Gujarat and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the funds allotted, sanctioned and released for the same during the last five years; and**
- (c) the details of the religious places in Gujarat that have been included under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism under its PRASHAD Scheme provides Central Financial Assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations including Gujarat for development of pilgrimage tourism infrastructure at the religious tourist places. The details of projects sanctioned under the PRASHAD Scheme in Gujarat is given at Annexure. In addition, 1 site namely Shri Nilkanth Mahadev Temple, Sunak, Mahesana has been identified for development in the State of Gujarat under PRASHAD Scheme.**

**Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme, has sanctioned 3 projects under Buddhist circuit and Heritage circuit respectively. Further, Ministry of Tourism revamped the Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations. Two destinations, namely, Dholavira and Dwarka have been identified under SD 2.0. Moreover, Porbandar, Thol Village and Vadnagar are identified under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), a sub-scheme of SD 2.0.**

**The details of the projects sanctioned in Gujarat is annexed.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1119 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGIOUS TOURISM IN GUJARAT RAISED BY SHRI HARIBHAI PATEL****List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Gujarat****(Rs. In Crore)**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Development of Dwarka</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>13.08</b>	<b>10.46</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>45.36</b>	<b>45.36</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Development of Promenade at Somnath</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>47.12</b>	<b>47.12</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrim Plaza with Queue management complex at Somnath Gujarat</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>49.97</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>10.54</b>

**List of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Gujarat:****(Rs. In Crore)**

<b>Circuit Name</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
<b>Heritage Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Ahmedabad- Rajkot- Porbandar –Bardoli- Dandi</b>	<b>59.17</b>	<b>56.21</b>
<b>Heritage Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Vadnagar- Modhera</b>	<b>91.12</b>	<b>87.25</b>
<b>Buddhist Circuit 2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana</b>	<b>26.68</b>	<b>22.28</b>

**Details of Projects sanctioned under Special Assistance to States/Union Territories for Capital Investment (SASCI) in Gujarat**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Cost (in ₹ Crore)</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Ecotourism Destination at Kerly (Mokarsagar), Porbandar</b>	<b>99.50</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Tented City and Convention Centre, Dhordo</b>	<b>51.56</b>

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