

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2153
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024**

PROJECTS UNDER PRASHAD AND SDS 2.0

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds sanctioned under the National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme and Swadesh Darshan 2.0 for projects in Karnataka State, including 'Hampi,' 'Mysuru,' 'Bidar,' and 'Udupi';**
- (b) the current status of each sanctioned project in Karnataka, along with the timeline set for completion;**
- (c) the details of the process followed for the identification and prioritization of these projects under the PRASHAD Scheme and Swadesh Darshan 2.0 in consultation with the State Government;**
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to include Haveri-Gadag as a destination under said schemes;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (f) whether the Government has received any other proposals for approval of projects in Uttarakhand State under the PRASHAD scheme and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism through the central sector schemes of 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) and 'Swadesh Darshan' (SD), complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations, including the State of Karnataka.

The Ministry has now revamped the Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations and has sanctioned 34 projects for Rs.793.20 Crore in the country, including Hampi and Mysuru in Karnataka.

The Ministry of Tourism has also issued guidelines for ‘Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)’, a sub-scheme under Swadesh Darshan 2.0. This sub-scheme aims for holistic development of destination to enhance tourist experience and the Ministry has identified 42 destinations under CBDD in the country including ‘Bidar’ and ‘Udupi’ in Karnataka.

The projects sanctioned under the above schemes are implemented by respective State Government/UT Administrations. Ministry of Tourism regularly monitors the progress of project and also encourages respective State Government/ UT Administrations to complete the projects in a time bound manner. The status of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD and SD 2.0 scheme in Karnataka are given in the annexure.

(c): The selection/identification of pilgrimage destinations/heritage sites under PRASHAD Scheme is based on various parameters, which, inter-alia, include the number of footfalls, cultural, historical & heritage significance of the locations, equitable representation to ensure nationwide development, availability of funds and other factors. This process is undertaken in consultation with State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs).

As per the SD 2.0 scheme guidelines, the State Governments/UT Administrations prepare State Perspective Plans analysing tourism potential of various destinations based on the specified parameters and thereafter the destinations are shortlisted by the Ministry of Tourism for development under the scheme.

Proposals are received from States/UTs from time to time for seeking financial assistance under the various schemes of the Ministry of tourism. These proposals are examined in context of the schemes guidelines and financial assistance is extended for projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated provisions and availability of funds.

(d) & (e): No proposal is under consideration for development of Haveri-Gadag as a destination under said schemes as no proposal in the prescribed format has been received so far from the State Government of Karnataka.

(f): The Ministry of Tourism, under the PRASHAD Scheme, has identified the site Timmersian MahaDev (Devnath) in Chamoli District, Uttarakhand. Furthermore, three projects have been sanctioned in Uttarakhand under the PRASHAD Scheme. The details of the project sanctioned in Uttarakhand are given in the annexure.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) AND (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2153 ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024 REGARDING PROJECTS UNDER PRASHAD AND SDS 2.0 RAISED BY SHRI BASAVARAJ BOMMAI AND SHRI AJAY BHATT****The details of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Karnataka
(Rs. In Crore)**

State	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Physical Progress %	District
Karnataka	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple	2023-24	45.71	0	Mysore

The details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in Karnataka

S. No.	State	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost (₹ Crore)	Date of Sanction
1.	Karnataka	Hampi	Setting up of 'Traveller nooks'	26.30	29-02-2024
2.		Mysuru	Tonga ride Heritage experience zone	4.12	29-02-2024
3.		Mysuru	Ecological Experience Zone	18.36	05-03-2024

The details of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Uttarakhand.**(Rs. In Crore)**

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Sanction Year	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.77
2.	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham	2018-19	56.15
3.	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities at Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham	2021-22	54.36
