

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2858**  
ANSWERED ON 19.12.2024

**SPIRITUAL TOURISM PROJECTS**

2858 SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P:

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

- (a) the State-wise list of projects under the spiritual tourism projects in the country;
- (b) the State-wise details of the funds allotted to each project under the spiritual tourism projects;
- (c) whether Government is planning to develop new projects under this initiative; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): The Ministry of Tourism under the “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive” (PRASHAD) provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territories Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure at identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations. The Ministry has sanctioned 48 projects across the country, and 29 sites have been identified for development under its PRASHAD Scheme.

The Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan scheme sanctioned 76 projects under identified thematic circuits for ₹5287.90 Crore, including 13 projects under the ‘Spiritual Circuit’ theme. 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 11 projects under Spiritual tourism category.

The details of the projects sanctioned and sites/destinations identified under the PRASHAD, Spiritual Circuit of SD, CBDD (Spiritual Tourism Category) are given in the annexure.

(c) to (d): Receiving proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations for financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2858 ANSWERED ON 19.12.2024 REGARDING SPIRITUAL TOURISM PROJECTS RAISED BY SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P.**

**The details of the projects sanctioned under the PRASHAD Scheme:**

(Rs. in Crore)

| State/UT          | S. No. | Project Name   | Sanction Year | Approved Cost | Amount Released |
|-------------------|--------|--|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Andhra Pradesh    | 1      | Development of Pilgrim Amenities at Amaravati  | 2015-16       | 27.77         | 27.77           |
|                   | 2      | Development of Srisailam Temple  | 2017-18       | 43.08         | 43.08           |
|                   | 3      | Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam | 2022-23       | 54.04         | 13.69           |
|                   | 4      | Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town                                | 2024-25       | 25.33         | 0               |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 5      | Development of Parshuram Kund  | 2020-21       | 37.88         | 21.95           |
| Assam             | 6      | Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Kamakhya Temple   | 2015-16       | 29.80         | 29.80           |
| Bihar             | 7      | Development at Patna Sahib   | 2015-16       | 29.62         | 29.62           |
|                   | 8      | Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple  | 2014-15       | 3.63          | 3.63            |
| Chhattisgarh      | 9      | Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple                                       | 2020-21       | 48.44         | 32.13           |
| Goa               | 10     | Development of Bom Jesus Basilica  | 2024-25       | 16.46         | 0               |
| Gujarat           | 11     | Development of Dwarka  | 2016-17       | 13.08         | 10.46           |
|                   | 12     | Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath   | 2016-17       | 45.36         | 45.36           |
|                   | 13     | Development of Promenade at Somnath  | 2018-19       | 47.12         | 47.12           |
|                   | 14     | Development of Pilgrim Plaza with Queue management complex at Somnath Gujarat                            | 2021-22       | 49.97         | 0.00            |
|                   | 15     | Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple  | 2022-23       | 50.00         | 10.54           |
| Haryana           | 16     | Development of Mata Mansa Devi Temple and Nada Saheb Gurudwara   | 2019-20       | 48.53         | 34.68           |
| Jammu and Kashmir | 17     | Development at Hazratbal Shrine  | 2016-17       | 40.46         | 34.30           |
| Jharkhand         | 18     | Development of Baba Baidya Nath Dham   | 2018-19       | 36.79         | 34.95           |

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|----------------|----|--|---------|-------|-------|
| Karnataka      | 19 | Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple  | 2023-24 | 45.71 | 0.00  |
| Kerala         | 20 | Development at Guruvayur Temple  | 2016-17 | 45.19 | 45.19 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 21 | Development of Amarkantak  | 2020-21 | 49.99 | 34.73 |
|                | 22 | Development of Omkareshwar   | 2017-18 | 43.93 | 43.93 |
| Maharashtra    | 23 | Development of Trimbakeshwar   | 2017-18 | 42.18 | 29.93 |
| Meghalaya      | 24 | Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Nongswalia Church, Nartiang Shakti Peeth, Aitnar Pool and Charantala Kali Temple | 2020-21 | 29.29 | 24.92 |
| Mizoram        | 25 | Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism at Chite Vang, Zuangtai, Reiek and Aizawl                | 2022-23 | 44.89 | 13.18 |
| Nagaland       | 26 | Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Molungkimong, Noksen Church, Aizuto, Wokha and Kohima                          | 2018-19 | 25.20 | 21.33 |
|                | 27 | Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto  | 2022-23 | 18.18 | 10.90 |
| Odisha         | 28 | Infrastructure Development at Puri   | 2014-15 | 50.00 | 10.00 |
| Punjab         | 29 | Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar  | 2015-16 | 6.40  | 6.40  |
|                | 30 | Development of Chamkaur Sahib  | 2021-22 | 31.57 | 17.49 |
| Rajasthan      | 31 | Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer  | 2015-16 | 32.64 | 26.11 |
| Sikkim         | 32 | Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom   | 2020-21 | 33.32 | 28.31 |
| Tamil Nadu     | 33 | Development of Kanchipuram   | 2016-17 | 13.99 | 13.99 |
|                | 34 | Development of Velankanni  | 2016-17 | 4.86  | 4.86  |
| Telangana      | 35 | Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple   | 2020-21 | 38.90 | 33.07 |
|                | 36 | Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple                              | 2022-23 | 62.00 | 12.82 |
|                | 37 | Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam   | 2022-23 | 41.38 | 8.43  |
| Tripura        | 38 | Development of Tripura Sundari Temple  | 2020-21 | 34.43 | 25.62 |
| Uttar Pradesh  | 39 | Development of Varanasi –Phase –I  | 2015-16 | 18.73 | 18.73 |
|                | 40 | Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)   | 2014-15 | 10.98 | 10.98 |

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|-------------|----|---|---------|-------|-------|
|             | 41 | Development of River Cruise Tourism at Varanasi                                     | 2017-18 | 9.02  | 9.02  |
|             | 42 | Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan                            | 2014-15 | 9.36  | 9.36  |
|             | 43 | Development of Varanasi – Phase II  | 2017-18 | 44.60 | 31.77 |
|             | 44 | Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan                               | 2018-19 | 37.59 | 30.97 |
| Uttarakhand | 45 | Integrated Development of Kedarnath   | 2015-16 | 34.77 | 34.77 |
|             | 46 | Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham      | 2018-19 | 56.15 | 27.43 |
|             | 47 | Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities at Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham | 2021-22 | 54.36 | 10.22 |
| West Bengal | 48 | Development of Belur Math   | 2016-17 | 30.03 | 23.39 |

The details of sites identified under the PRASHAD Scheme.

| S.No. | State/UT         | Project / Subject  |
|-------|------------------|--|
| 1     | Andhra Pradesh   | Vedagiri Lakshmi Narasimhawamy Temple, Nellore District                            |
| 2     | Bihar            | Simariya Ghat, Begusarai District  |
| 3     | Bihar            | Aami Mandir, Saran District  |
| 4     | Chhattisgarh     | Kudargarh Temple, Surajpur District  |
| 5     | Gujarat          | Shri Nilkanth Mahadev Temple, Sunak, Mahesana District                             |
| 6     | Himachal Pradesh | Maa Chintpurni Temple, Una District  |
| 7     | Jammu & Kashmir  | Utterbehni and Purmandal, Samba District   |
| 8     | Karnataka        | Sri Renuka Yallamma Temple, Saudatti, Belagavi District                            |
| 9     | Karnataka        | Papnash Temple, Bidar District   |
| 10    | Madhya Pradesh   | Shri Peetmbra Peetha, Datia District   |
| 11    | Madhya Pradesh   | Shanidev Temple, Morena District   |
| 12    | Maharashtra      | Shri Ghrushneshwar Shivalaya, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar District                  |
| 13    | Maharashtra      | Tuljapur, Dharashiv District District  |
| 14    | Maharashtra      | Shre Kshetra Rajur, Ganpati Temple, Jalna District                                 |
| 15    | Mizoram          | Vangchhia, Champhai District   |
| 16    | Odisha           | Chausath Yogini Temple, Ranipur, Jharial, Balangir District                        |
| 17    | Odisha           | Maa Kichakeswari Temple in Kiching, Mayurbhanj District                            |
| 18    | Puducherry       | Navagriha Temple- Sri Dharbaranyeswarar Temple & Spiritual Park, Karaikal District |
| 19    | Punjab           | Durgyana Temple, Amritsar District   |
| 20    | Rajasthan        | Shri Karni Mata Mandir, Bikaner District   |
| 21    | Rajasthan        | Sun Temple, Budhahita, Kota District   |
| 22    | Rajasthan        | Malaseri Dungri  |

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| 23 | Tamil Nadu    | Navagriha Temple at 8 places in Tamil Nadu<br>1. Sri Kailasanathar Temple, Thingalur, Thanjavur District<br>2. Guru Bhagvan Temple, Alangudi, Thanjavur District<br>3. Sri Naaganathar Temple, Thirunageshwaram, Thanjavur District<br>4. Sri Suryanaar Temple, Thiruvidadimaruthur, Suriyanar Kovil, Thanjavur District<br>5. Sri Agneeswarar Temple, Kanjanur, Thanjavur District<br>6. Sri Vaitheeshwaran Temple, Vaitheeshwaran Kovil, Mayiladuthurai District<br>7. Sri Naganatha Swamy Temple, Keelaperumpallam, Mayiladuthurai District<br>8. Suweethaaranyshwarar Temple, Thiruvankadu, Mayiladuthurai District |
| 24 | Telangana     | Goddess Yellamma Temple at Balkampet, Hyderabad District  |
| 25 | Uttar Pradesh | Shri Kali Mandir established by Adiguru Shankaracharya, Chowk, Lucknow District   |
| 26 | Uttar Pradesh | Pilgrimage sites of Braj, Mathura District  |
| 27 | Uttarakhand   | Timmersian MahaDev (Devnath), Chamoli District  |

**The details of the projects under ‘Spiritual Circuit’ of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.:**

(Rs. in crore)

| S. No. | Name of State | Year      | Project Name   | Amount Sanctioned | Amount Released |
|--------|---------------|-----------|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1.     | Kerala        | (2016-17) | Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.   | 46.54             | 33.39           |
| 2.     | Manipur       | (2016-17) | Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple.   | 45.34             | 45.33           |
| 3.     | Kerala        | (2016-17) | Development of Sree Padmanabha Temple, Aranmula- Sabrimala   | 78.08             | 73.77           |
| 4.     | Bihar         | (2016-17) | Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar  | 44.76             | 42.52           |
| 5.     | Uttar Pradesh | (2016-17) | Development of Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh- Kausambi-Mirzapur-Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj-Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-Kairana-Baghpat- Shahjahanpur                     | 71.91             | 69.63           |
| 6.     | Uttar Pradesh | (2016-17) | Development of Bijnor- Meerut-Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda-Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia-Ambekar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur-Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra-Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi | 67.51             | 64.14           |
| 7.     | Rajasthan     | (2016-17) | Development of Spiritual Circuit- 'Development of Churu (Salasar Balaji)-Jaipur (Shri Samodke Balaji,  | 87.05             | 72.23           |

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|     |               |           | Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)-Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)-Dholpur (Muchkund) - Mehndipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji) |       |       |
| 8.  | Puducherry    | (2017-18) | Development of Karaikal, Yanam and Puducherry  | 34.96 | 31.40 |
| 9.  | Bihar         | (2017-18) | Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh.  | 44.55 | 42.32 |
| 10  | Maharashtra   | (2018-19) | Development of Waki- Adasa-Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh- Telankhandi- Girad  | 45.47 | 43.19 |
| 11. | Uttar Pradesh | (2018-19) | Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda  | 12.03 | 11.43 |
| 12. | Uttar Pradesh | (2018-19) | Development of Gorakhnath Temple(Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple(Domariyaganj)  | 18.30 | 18.12 |
| 13. | Kerala        | (2018-19) | Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram-KunnumparaSreeSubrahmania-ChembazhanthiSree Narayana Gurukulam   | 66.42 | 42.01 |

**The details of the destinations identified under 'Spiritual Tourism' Category of CBDD, a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0:**

| S. No. | State          | Destination               | Category          |
|--------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1.     | Andhra Pradesh | Ahobilam Temple           | Spiritual Tourism |
| 2.     | Gujarat        | Porbandar                 | Spiritual Tourism |
| 3.     | Jharkhand      | Ramrekha Dham             | Spiritual Tourism |
| 4.     | Kerala         | Thalassery                | Spiritual Tourism |
| 5.     | Madhya Pradesh | Orchha                    | Spiritual Tourism |
| 6.     | Meghalaya      | Nartiang Village          | Spiritual Tourism |
| 7.     | Nagaland       | Impur Village             | Spiritual Tourism |
| 8.     | Punjab         | Rupnagar (Anandpur Sahib) | Spiritual Tourism |
| 9.     | Sikkim         | Kabi                      | Spiritual Tourism |
| 10.    | Tamil Nadu     | Rameswaram Island         | Spiritual Tourism |
| 11.    | Uttarakhand    | Kainchidham               | Spiritual Tourism |

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