

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

BEAUTIFICATION OF HERITAGE SITES IN NALANDA

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take any special steps for the beautification of the famous, very ancient heritage sites in Nalanda, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) whether the Government is working on any action plan for construction of a Five Star Hotel in Rajgir for providing better facilities to the pilgrims and International tourists visiting there and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

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

The Ministry of Tourism has revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme in the form of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 with the mission to create a robust framework for integrated development of tourism destinations. In consultation with the State Government/UT Administrations and in line with the scheme guidelines, 58 destinations across 32 States/UTs including Nalanda in Bihar, have been identified for development of projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0.

(b): Development of Tourist accommodation units in the country is primarily undertaken by the private sector. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India only classifies operational hotels under its voluntary scheme of classification/approval of hotels.
