

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.100
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

REJUVENATION OF RELIGIOUS SITES

100. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for rejuvenation of religious sites for boosting tourism in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the details of the projected boost in religious tourism due to the construction of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism under the “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive” (PRASHAD) scheme provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure at important pilgrimage and heritage destinations. A total of 47 projects has been sanctioned in 27 States/UTs with estimated cost of Rs.1594.40 crore.

Details of the projects sanctioned under the PRASHAD Scheme is given in the annexure.

(c): As per information received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, there is substantial increase in religious tourism to Ayodhya after construction of Ram Mandir. As per tourism statistics of Ayodhya, the total number of visitors to the district has risen from 6,022,618 in the year 2020 to 164,419,522 in the year 2024.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.100 ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025 REGARDING REJUVENATION OF RELIGIOUS SITES RAISED BY DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme

(in Rs. Crore)

State/UT	S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost
Andhra Pradesh	1.	Development of Pilgrim Amenities at Amaravati	2015-16	27.77
	2.	Development of Srisailem Temple	2017-18	43.08
	3.	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami VariDevasthanam at Simhachalam	2022-23	54.04
	4.	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town	2024-25	25.33
Arunachal Pradesh	5.	Development of ParshuramKund	2020-21	37.88
Assam	6.	Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Kamakhya Temple	2015-16	29.80
Bihar	7.	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62
	8.	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple	2014-15	3.63
Chhattisgarh	9.	Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple	2020-21	48.44
Goa	10.	Development of Bom Jesus Basilica	2024-25	16.46
Gujarat	11.	Development of Dwarka	2016-17	10.46
	12.	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	2016-17	45.36
	13.	Development of Promenade at Somnath	2018-19	47.12
	14.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple	2022-23	50.00
Haryana	15.	Development of Mata Mansa	2019-20	48.53

		Devi Temple and Nada SahebGurudwara		
Jammu and Kashmir	16.	Development at Hazratbal Shrine	2016-17	40.46
Jharkhand	17.	Development of Baba BaidyaNathDham	2018-19	36.79
Karnataka	18.	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple	2023-24	45.71
Kerala	19.	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	45.19
Madhya Pradesh	20.	Development of Amarkantak	2020-21	49.99
	21.	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	43.93
Maharashtra	22.	Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	42.18
Meghalaya	23.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Nongswalia Church, Nartiang Shakti Peeth, Aitnar Pool and Charantala Kali Temple	2020-21	29.29
Mizoram	24.	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism at ChiteVang, Zuangtai, Reiek and Aizawl	2022-23	44.89
Nagaland	25.	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Molungkimong, NoksenChurch, Aizuto, Wokha and Kohima	2018-19	25.20
	26.	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto	2022-23	18.18
Odisha	27.	Infrastructure Development at Puri	2014-15	50.00
Punjab	28.	Development of KarunaSagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	2015-16	6.40
	29.	Development of Chamkaur Sahib	2021-22	31.57
Rajasthan	30.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64
Sikkim	31.	Development of Pilgrimage	2020-21	33.32

		Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom		
Tamil Nadu	32.	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99
	33.	Development of Velankanni	2016-17	4.86
Telangana	34.	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple	2020-21	38.90
	35.	Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple	2022-23	62.00
	36.	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam	2022-23	41.38
Tripura	37.	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple	2020-21	34.43
Uttar Pradesh	38.	Development of Varanasi – Phase –I	2015-16	18.73
	39.	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98
	40.	Development of River Cruise Tourism at Varanasi	2017-18	9.02
	41.	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan	2014-15	9.36
	42.	Development of Varanasi – Phase II	2017-18	44.60
	43.	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	2018-19	37.59
Uttarakhand	44.	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.77
	45.	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham	2018-19	56.15
	46.	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities at Gangotri and YamunotriDham	2021-22	54.36
West Bengal	47.	Development of Belur Math	2016-17	30.03
