

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1008
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025**

PRASAD SCHEME IN ASSAM

†1008. SHRI PARIMAL SUKLABAIDYA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various religious places in Assam that have been included so far under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) Scheme;**
- (b) whether the historic Bhuvan Tirtha, Maa Kachakhanti Mandir and Siddheshwar Mandir situated in Silchar Lok Sabha Constituency have been included under the said scheme; and**
- (c) if the above religious places have not been included under the said scheme, then the proposed steps to be taken by the Government for their inclusion?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism under the “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive” (PRASHAD) provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure at identified destinations.

Under the PRASHAD Scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project ‘Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Kamakhya Temple’ at a cost of Rs.29.80 crore. However, the sites Bhuvan Tirtha, Maa Kachakhanti Mandir and Siddheshwar Mandir have not been identified under the PRASHAD Scheme.

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.
