

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1128
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025**

INCLUSION OF BUXAR IN PRASHAD SCHEME

1128. SHRI SUDHAKAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the PRASHAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive) scheme and the number of projects that have been implemented under this scheme across the country;**
- (b) whether the Government has considered inclusion of Buxar, Bihar, under the PRASHAD scheme, given its historical and spiritual significance as the land where Lord Ram received his education and the site of the famous Panchkosi Parikrama Mela, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the specific steps being taken by the Government to develop and promote tourism in Buxar, including infrastructure development, heritage preservation and marketing of its cultural significance; and**
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to collaborate with the Bihar Government to enhance pilgrimage and cultural tourism in Buxar and other historically significant sites in the State and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): 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 identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations.

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 47 projects in 27 States/UTs with

estimated cost of Rs.1594.40 crore till date. Details of the projects sanctioned under the PRASHAD Scheme including their status is given in the annexure.

(b) to (d): No proposal is under consideration of the Ministry of Tourism for inclusion of Buxar, Bihar under the PRASHAD Scheme. However, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned two projects in Bihar under the said scheme namely, 'Development at Patna Sahib' and 'Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple'. In addition, the Ministry of Tourism has identified two sites for development under the PRASHAD Scheme viz. Simariya Ghat, Begusarai District and Aami Mandir, Saran District in Bihar.

The Ministry of Tourism as part of its ongoing endeavour also promotes various tourism destinations and products of the country including Buxar in Bihar through promotional activities, events, website, social media promotions etc.

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.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1128 ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025 REGARDING INCLUSION OF BUXAR IN PRASHAD SCHEME RAISED BY SHRI SUDHAKAR SINGH:****List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme****(Rs. in Crore)**

State/UT	S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Physical Progress %
Andhra Pradesh	1	Development of Pilgrim Amenities at Amaravati	2015-16	27.77	27.77	100%
	2	Development of Srisailem Temple	2017-18	43.08	43.08	100%
	3	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam	2022-23	54.04	13.69	28%
	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	86%
Assam	6	Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Kamakhya Temple	2015-16	29.80	29.80	100%
Bihar	7	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62	29.62	100%
	8	Development of basic facilities	2014-15	3.63	3.63	100%

		at Vishnupad temple				
Chhattisgarh	9	Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple	2020-21	48.44	32.13	90%
Goa	10	Development of Bom Jesus Basilica	2024-25	16.46	-	0%
Gujarat	11	Development of Dwarka	2016-17	10.46	10.46	100%
	12	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	2016-17	45.36	45.36	100%
	13	Development of Promenade at Somnath	2018-19	47.12	47.12	100%
	14	Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple	2022-23	50.00	10.54	30%
Haryana	15	Development of Mata Mansa Devi Temple and Nada Saheb Gurudwara	2019-20	48.53	34.68	74%
Jammu and Kashmir	16	Development at Hazratbal Shrine	2016-17	40.46	34.30	90%
Jharkhand	17	Development of Baba Baidya Nath Dham	2018-19	36.79	34.95	100%
Karnataka	18	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple	2023-24	45.71	0.00	0%
Kerala	19	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	45.19	45.19	100%
Madhya Pradesh	20	Development of Amarkantak	2020-21	49.99	34.73	81%

	21	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	43.93	43.93	100%
Maharashtra	22	Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	42.18	29.93	93%
Meghalaya	23	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Nongswalia Church, Nartiang Shakti Peeth, Aitnar Pool and Charantala Kali Temple	2020-21	29.29	24.92	100%
Mizoram	24	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism at Chite Vang, Zuingtai, Reiek and Aizawl	2022-23	44.89	13.18	29%
Nagaland	25	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Molungkimong, Noksen Church, Aizuto, Wokha and Kohima	2018-19	25.20	21.33	100%
	26	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto	2022-23	18.18	10.91	62%
Odisha	27	Infrastructure Development at Puri	2014-15	50.00	10.00	-
Punjab	28	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	2015-16	6.40	6.40	100%
	29	Development of Chamkaur Sahib	2021-22	31.57	17.49	79%
Rajasthan	30	Integrated	2015-16	32.64	26.11	100%

		Development of Pushkar/Ajmer				
Sikkim	31	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32	28.31	87%
Tamil Nadu	32	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99	13.99	100%
	33	Development of Velankanni	2016-17	4.86	4.86	100%
Telangana	34	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple	2020-21	38.90	33.07	72%
	35	Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple	2022-23	62.00	12.82	37%
	36	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam	2022-23	41.38	8.43	15%
Tripura	37	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple	2020-21	34.43	25.62	63%
Uttar Pradesh	38	Development of Varanasi –Phase –I	2015-16	18.73	18.73	100%
	39	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98	10.98	100%
	40	Development of River Cruise Tourism at Varanasi	2017-18	9.02	9.02	100%
	41	Construction of Tourist Facilitation	2014-15	9.36	9.36	100%

		Centre at Vrindavan				
	42	Development of Varanasi – Phase II	2017-18	44.60	31.77	100%
	43	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	2018-19	37.59	30.97	100%
Uttarakhand	44	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.77	34.77	100%
	45	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham	2018-19	56.15	38.38	85%
	46	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities at Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham	2021-22	54.36	10.22	100%
West Bengal	47	Development of Belur Math	2016-17	30.03	23.39	100%
