

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.190  
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

**OBJECTIVES OF PRASHAD SCHEME**

**190. SHRI MALAIYARASAN D:  
SHRI C N ANNADURAI:  
SHRI SELVAM G:  
SHRI NAVASKANI K:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has implemented the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme;**
- (b) the objectives, scope and key targeted areas of the PRASHAD Scheme, including the criteria for selecting pilgrimage sites;**
- (c) the steps taken under the PRASHAD Scheme to promote spirituals/sustainable tourism and improve infrastructure at pilgrimage sites;**
- (d) the total funds allocated for the scheme particularly for Tamil Nadu and the progress made so far in its implementation including Kallakurichi Constituency of Tamil Nadu;**
- (e) the key achievements of the PRASHAD Scheme since its inception along with challenges by the Government in implementing PRASHAD projects;**
- (f) the number of pilgrimage sites identified and developed under the PRASHAD Scheme in Tamil Nadu;**
- (g) the list of pilgrimage sites included in the PRASHAD Scheme along with the funds allocated to each State, State-wise;**
- (h) whether there are any States where the PRASHAD Scheme is yet to be implemented and if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- (i) the manner in which the Government monitor the progress of projects and conduct regular evaluations under the PRASHAD Scheme?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (i): Yes Sir, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India is implementing Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme.**

**The 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) has been launched by the Ministry of Tourism with the objective of integrated development of identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations. Under the scheme, Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure at important pilgrimage and heritage destinations. The vision of the scheme is to rejuvenate pilgrimage and spiritual experience of the tourists through availability of well-planned tourism infrastructure enabling tourist convenience, accessibility, security, cleanliness, experience and revitalize/preserve the soul of the pilgrimage/heritage city through integrated, inclusive, and sustainable developments that would spur employment opportunities for the local communities.**

**The selection of pilgrimage sites under PRASHAD Scheme is based on various parameters, which, inter-alia, include the number of footfalls, cultural, historical & heritage significance of the locations, equitable representation to ensure nationwide development, availability of funds and other factors. This process is undertaken in consultation with State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs).**

**Since the launch of the Scheme, the Ministry has sanctioned 47 projects in 27 States/UTs with an estimated cost of Rs.1594.40 crore and a total amount of Rs.1047.92 crore has been released for these projects till date.**

**Details of the projects sanctioned/sites identified along with the details of funds released till date under the scheme including the State of Tamil Nadu is given in the Annexure.**

**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.**

**The primary issue faced in the projects sanctioned under the scheme is ensuring their timely completion. Although the projects are implemented**

**by the respective State Governments/UT Administrations, the Ministry of Tourism regularly monitors their progress and actively encourages the concerned authorities to complete them within the stipulated timeframe.**

**In order to monitor and expedite progress of the sanctioned projects and to guide the State Governments/UT Administrations, the Ministry of Tourism holds regular review meetings at different levels. Further, Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee and Mission Directorate meetings are also held in accordance with the scheme guidelines.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (i) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.190 ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025 REGARDING OBJECTIVES OF PRASHAD SCHEME RAISED BY SHRI MALAIYARASAN D, SHRI C N ANNADURAI, SHRI SELVAM G AND SHRI NAVASKANI K****List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme****(in Rs. Crore)**

<b>State/UT</b>	<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Approved Cost</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>	<b>Physical Progress %</b>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>1.</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrim Amenities at Amaravati</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>27.77</b>	<b>27.77</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>2.</b>	<b>Development of Srisailam Temple</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>43.08</b>	<b>43.08</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>3.</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami VariDevasthanam at Simhachalam</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>54.04</b>	<b>13.69</b>	<b>28%</b>
	<b>4.</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>25.33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>5.</b>	<b>Development of ParshuramKund</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>37.88</b>	<b>21.95</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>Assam</b>	<b>6.</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Kamakhya</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>29.80</b>	<b>29.80</b>	<b>100%</b>

		<b>Temple</b>				
<b>Bihar</b>	<b>7.</b>	<b>Development at Patna Sahib</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>29.62</b>	<b>29.62</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>8.</b>	<b>Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>9.</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>48.44</b>	<b>32.13</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Goa</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Development of Bom Jesus Basilica</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>16.46</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Development of Dwarka</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>10.46</b>	<b>10.46</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>45.36</b>	<b>45.36</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>13</b>	<b>Development of Promenade at Somnath</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>47.12</b>	<b>47.12</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>14</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>10.54</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Haryana</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Development of Mata Mansa Devi Temple and Nada Saheb Gurudwara</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>48.53</b>	<b>34.68</b>	<b>74%</b>
<b>Jammu and Kashmir</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Development at Hazratbal Shrine</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>40.46</b>	<b>34.30</b>	<b>90%</b>

<b>Jharkhand</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Development of Baba Baidya Nath Dham</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>36.79</b>	<b>34.95</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>45.71</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Kerala</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Development at Guruvayur Temple</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>45.19</b>	<b>45.19</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Development of Amarkantak</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>49.99</b>	<b>34.73</b>	<b>81%</b>
	<b>21</b>	<b>Development of Omkareshwar</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>43.93</b>	<b>43.93</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Development of Trimbakeshwar</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>42.18</b>	<b>29.93</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Nongswalia Church, Nartiang Shakti Peeth, Aitnar Pool and Charantala Kali Temple</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>29.29</b>	<b>24.92</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism at ChiteVang, Zuangtai,</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>44.89</b>	<b>13.18</b>	<b>29%</b>

		<b>Reiek and Aizawl</b>				
<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Molungkimong, Noksen Church, Aizuto, Wokha and Kohima</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>25.20</b>	<b>21.33</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>18.18</b>	<b>10.91</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b>Odisha</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Infrastructure Development at Puri</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Punjab</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Development of KarunaSagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>6.40</b>	<b>6.40</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>29</b>	<b>Development of Chamkaur Sahib</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>31.57</b>	<b>17.49</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Pushkar/ Ajmer</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>32.64</b>	<b>26.11</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>33.32</b>	<b>28.31</b>	<b>87%</b>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>Development of Kanchipuram</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>13.99</b>	<b>13.99</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>33</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>4.86</b>	<b>4.86</b>	<b>100%</b>

		<b>of Velankanni</b>				
<b>Telangana</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>38.90</b>	<b>33.07</b>	<b>72%</b>
	<b>35</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>62.00</b>	<b>12.82</b>	<b>37%</b>
	<b>36</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>41.38</b>	<b>8.43</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Tripura</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>Development of Tripura Sundari Temple</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>34.43</b>	<b>25.62</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>Development of Varanasi – Phase –I</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>18.73</b>	<b>18.73</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>39</b>	<b>Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>10.98</b>	<b>10.98</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>40</b>	<b>Development of River Cruise Tourism at Varanasi</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>9.02</b>	<b>9.02</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>41</b>	<b>Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>9.36</b>	<b>9.36</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>42</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>44.60</b>	<b>31.77</b>	<b>100%</b>



		<b>of Varanasi – Phase II</b>				
	<b>43</b>	<b>Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>37.59</b>	<b>30.97</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Uttarakh and</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Kedarnath</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>34.77</b>	<b>34.77</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>45</b>	<b>Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>56.15</b>	<b>38.38</b>	<b>85%</b>
	<b>46</b>	<b>Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities at Gangotri and YamunotriDham</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>54.36</b>	<b>10.22</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>Development of Belur Math</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>30.03</b>	<b>23.39</b>	<b>100%</b>

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