

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. †*151
ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025**

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN CHITRAKOOT

†*151. SMT. KRISHNA DEVI SHIVSHANKAR PATEL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to promote religious and cultural tourism in Chitrakoot; and**
- (b) the details of new schemes being formulated by the Government to connect Chitrakoot with the new nearby tourist destinations of various other States?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.†*151 ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025 REGARDING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN CHITRAKOOT RAISED BY SMT. KRISHNA DEVI SHIVSHANKAR PATEL

(a): The promotion and development of tourist destinations and products, including religious and cultural tourism is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry complements the efforts of States/UTs by developing and promoting various tourism products of the country, including religious and cultural tourism in Chitrakoot through various schemes and initiatives.

The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of ‘Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ and ‘Swadesh Darshan’ complements the efforts of the State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs) by extending financial assistance to SGs/UTs for tourism infrastructure development. This process is undertaken in consultation with State Governments/UT Administrations.

Under Swadesh Darshan Scheme, the Ministry has sanctioned a project around Chitrakoot under Ramayana Circuit named ‘Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur’ at a cost of Rs.69.45 crore.

In addition, the Ministry of Tourism under its revamped Scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) has sanctioned a project named ‘Spiritual experience at Chitrakoot’ at a cost of Rs.27.21 crore.

(b): As per the information received from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, Ramvan Gaman Marg (NH-731A) connecting Chitrakoot to Ayodhya via Pratapgarh- Sultanpur is being developed.
