

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.\*154  
ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025**

**DEVELOPMENT OF MAA RAMCHANDI TEMPLE**

**\*154. SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT:**

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

- (a) the whether the Government has any plan to develop Maa Ramchandi Temple which is of religious and historical importance at Brajrajnagar of Jharsuguda District, Odisha;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government has sent a delegation of experts to visit this heritage place and to prepare DPR for the protection, development and beautification of the said site;**
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposals/suggestions from the State Government of Odisha for the development of said site; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made so far in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

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

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**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\*154 ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF MAA RAMCHANDI TEMPLE RAISED BY SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT**

**(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism through its ongoing schemes of “Swadesh Darshan” and “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)” and “Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development” complements the efforts of the State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs) by extending financial assistance on receipt of proposal from SGs/UTs/Central Agencies for tourism infrastructure development at various tourism destinations in the country including the State of Odisha. Submission of projects under the schemes is a continuous process. The projects under the scheme are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.**

**(d) and (e): No Proposal for the development of Maa Ramchandi Temple at Brajrajnagar of Jharsugudsa District, Odisha has been received in the prescribed format from the State Government. However, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project named 'Infrastructure Development at Puri' at the cost of Rs.50.00 Crore and 2 sites named 'Chausath Yogini Temple, Ranipur, Jharial, Balangir District' and 'Maa Kichakeswari Temple in Kiching, Mayurbhanj District' are identified for development in Odisha under PRASHAD Scheme. Additionally, 1 project named 'Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara' is sanctioned at the cost of Rs.70.82 Crore under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme and 2 destinations named 'Koraput' and 'Debrigarh' are identified under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme.**

**The Government of India under the guidelines for Special Assistance to States/Union Territories for Capital Investment (SASCI) for Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale has approved 40 projects across 23 States including 2 projects in the State of Odisha named 'Development of Hirakud' and 'Development of Satkosia' at the cost of Rs.99.90 Crore and Rs.99.99 Crore respectively.**

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