

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1628  
ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025**

**INCLUSION OF BHAVANARAYANA SWAMY TEMPLE  
AND HASTINAPUR IN PRASAD SCHEME**

**1628. SHRI KRISHNA PRASAD TENNETI:  
SHRI CHANDAN CHAUHAN:**

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

- (a) the details of sites/monuments that have been identified for inclusion for development under the PRASAD scheme, during the last five years, State-wise;**
- (b) whether there is a proposal for identification of the Bhavanarayana Swamy Temple and Hastinapur under the said scheme to augment its tourism potential and value;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline for the same; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and whether the proposals being considered by the Government to develop the tourism value of Bhavanarayana Swamy temple and Hastinapur?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a): The 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Augmentation Drive' (PRASAD) was launched by the Ministry of Tourism as a Central Sector Scheme in 2014-15 with the objective of integrated development of identified pilgrimage destinations. The scheme aimed at creation of pilgrimage/spiritual tourism infrastructure development at the identified destinations. 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. The details of projects sanctioned in the last 05 years along with details of sites/monuments that have been identified for inclusion for development under the PRASAD scheme State-wise is placed at Annexure-I.**

**(b) to (d): Proposals for the development of Bhavanarayana Swamy Temple and Hastinapur is presently not under consideration of Ministry of Tourism. However, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned various projects in Uttar Pradesh under different infrastructure development schemes details of which are in given in the annexure-II.**

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**ANNEXURE-I****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1628 ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025 REGARDING "INCLUSION OF BHAVANARAYANA SWAMY TEMPLE AND HASTINAPUR IN PRASAD SCHEME" RAISED BY SHRI KRISHNA PRASAD TENNETI AND SHRI CHANDAN CHAUHAN**

The details of projects sanctioned in the last 05 years along with details of sites/monuments that have been identified for inclusion for development under the PRASAD scheme State-wise is give below:-

| State/UT          | S. No. | Project Name   | Rs. in Crore  |               |                 |
|-------------------|--------|--|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
|                   |        |  | Sanction Year | Approved Cost | Amount Released |
| Andhra Pradesh    | 1.     | Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam | 2022-23       | 54.04         | 13.69           |
|                   | 2.     | Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town                                | 2024-25       | 25.33         | -               |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 3.     | Development of Parshuram Kund  | 2020-21       | 37.88         | 31.02           |
| Chhattisgarh      | 4.     | Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple                                       | 2020-21       | 48.44         | 40.19           |
| Goa               | 5.     | Development of Bom Jesus Basilica  | 2024-25       | 16.46         | -               |
| Gujarat           | 6.     | Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple  | 2022-23       | 50.00         | 10.54           |
| Haryana           | 7.     | Development of Mata Mansa Devi Temple and Nada Saheb Gurudwara   | 2019-20       | 48.53         | 34.68           |

|                       |            |   |                |              |              |
|-----------------------|------------|---|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Karnataka</b>      | <b>8.</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>Madhya Pradesh</b> | <b>9.</b>  | <b>Development of Amarkantak</b>  | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>49.99</b> | <b>34.73</b> |
| <b>Meghalaya</b>      | <b>10.</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>27.78</b> |
| <b>Mizoram</b>        | <b>11.</b> | <b>Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism at Chite Vang, Zuangtai, Reiek and Aizawl</b>                | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>44.89</b> | <b>13.18</b> |
| <b>Nagaland</b>       | <b>12.</b> | <b>Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto</b>  | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>18.18</b> | <b>15.45</b> |
| <b>Punjab</b>         | <b>13.</b> | <b>Development of Chamkaur Sahib</b>  | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>31.57</b> | <b>17.49</b> |
| <b>Sikkim</b>         | <b>14.</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>Telangana</b>      | <b>15.</b> | <b>Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple</b>   | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>38.90</b> | <b>33.07</b> |
|                       | <b>16.</b> | <b>Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple</b>                              | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>62.00</b> | <b>32.73</b> |
|                       | <b>17.</b> | <b>Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam</b>   | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>41.38</b> | <b>8.43</b>  |
| <b>Tripura</b>        | <b>18.</b> | <b>Development of Tripura Sundari Temple</b>  | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>34.43</b> | <b>28.01</b> |

|                    |            |  |                |              |              |
|--------------------|------------|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Uttarakhand</b> | <b>19.</b> | <b>Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities at Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham</b> | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>54.36</b> | <b>10.22</b> |
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**List of projects Identified under PRASHAD Scheme of Ministry of Tourism given below:-**

| <b>S. No.</b> | <b>State/UT</b>            | <b>Project / Subject</b>   |
|---------------|----------------------------|--|
| <b>1</b>      | <b>Andhra Pradesh</b>      | <b>Vedagiri Lakshmi Narasimhawamy Temple, Nellore District</b>           |
| <b>2</b>      | <b>Bihar</b>               | <b>Simariya Ghat, Begusarai District</b>                                 |
| <b>3</b>      | <b>Bihar</b>               | <b>Aami Mandir, Saran District</b>                                       |
| <b>4</b>      | <b>Chhattisgarh</b>        | <b>Kudargarh Temple, Surajpur District</b>                               |
| <b>5</b>      | <b>Gujarat</b>             | <b>Shri Nilkanth Mahadev Temple, Sunak, Mahesana District</b>            |
| <b>6</b>      | <b>Himachal Pradesh</b>    | <b>Maa Chintpurni Temple, Una District</b>                               |
| <b>7</b>      | <b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b> | <b>Utterbehni and Purmandal, Samba District</b>                          |
| <b>8</b>      | <b>Karnataka</b>           | <b>Sri Renuka Yallamma Temple, Saudatti, Belagavi District</b>           |
| <b>9</b>      | <b>Karnataka</b>           | <b>Papnash Temple, Bidar District</b>                                    |
| <b>10</b>     | <b>Madhya Pradesh</b>      | <b>Shri Peetmbra Peetha, Datia District</b>                              |
| <b>11</b>     | <b>Madhya Pradesh</b>      | <b>Shanidev Temple, Morena District</b>                                  |
| <b>12</b>     | <b>Maharashtra</b>         | <b>Shri Ghrushneshwar Shivalaya, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar District</b> |
| <b>13</b>     | <b>Maharashtra</b>         | <b>Tuljapur, Dharashiv District District</b>                             |
| <b>14</b>     | <b>Maharashtra</b>         | <b>Shre Kshetra Rajur, Ganpati Temple, Jalna District</b>                |
| <b>15</b>     | <b>Mizoram</b>             | <b>Vangchhia, Champhai District</b>                                      |
| <b>16</b>     | <b>Odisha</b>              | <b>Chausath Yogini Temple, Ranipur, Jharial, Balangir District</b>       |
| <b>17</b>     | <b>Odisha</b>              | <b>Maa Kichakeswari Temple in Kiching, Mayurbhanj District</b>           |

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|-----------|----------------------|---|
| <b>18</b> | <b>Puducherry</b>    | <b>Navagriha Temple- Sri Dharbaranyeswarar Temple &amp; Spiritual Park, Karaikal District</b>   |
| <b>19</b> | <b>Punjab</b>        | <b>Durgyana Temple, Amritsar District</b>   |
| <b>20</b> | <b>Rajasthan</b>     | <b>Shri Karni Mata Mandir, Bikaner District</b>   |
| <b>21</b> | <b>Rajasthan</b>     | <b>Sun Temple, Budhahita, Kota District</b>   |
| <b>22</b> | <b>Rajasthan</b>     | <b>Malaseri Dungri</b>  |
| <b>23</b> | <b>Tamil Nadu</b>    | <b>Navagriha Temple at 8 places in Tamil Nadu</b><br><b>1. Sri Kailasanathar Temple, Thingalur, Thanjavur District</b><br><b>2. Guru Bhagvan Temple, Alangudi, Thanjavur District</b><br><b>3. Sri Naaganathar Temple, Thirunageshwaram, Thanjavur District</b><br><b>4. Sri Suryanaar Temple, Thiravidaimaruthur, Suriyanar Kovil, Thanjavur District</b><br><b>5. Sri Agneeswarar Temple, Kanjanur, Thanjavur District</b><br><b>6. Sri Vaitheeshwaran Temple, Vaitheeswaran Kovil, Mayiladuthurai District</b><br><b>7. Sri Naganatha Swamy Temple, Keelaperumpallam, Mayiladuthurai District</b><br><b>8. Suweethaaranyshwarar Temple, Thiruvekodu, Mayiladuthurai District</b> |
| <b>24</b> | <b>Telangana</b>     | <b>Goddess Yellamma Temple at Balkampet, Hyderabad District</b>   |
| <b>25</b> | <b>Uttar Pradesh</b> | <b>Shri Kali Mandir established by Adiguru Shankaracharya, Chowk, Lucknow District</b>  |
| <b>26</b> | <b>Uttar Pradesh</b> | <b>Pilgrimage sites of Braj, Mathura District</b>   |
| <b>27</b> | <b>Uttarakhand</b>   | <b>Timmersian MahaDev (Devnath), Chamoli District</b>   |

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**ANNEXURE-II****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1628 ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025 REGARDING “INCLUSION OF BHAVANARAYANA SWAMY TEMPLE AND HASTINAPUR IN PRASAD SCHEME” RAISED BY SHRI KRISHNA PRASAD TENNETI AND SHRI CHANDAN CHAUHAN****List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Uttar Pradesh**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Name of the Project</b>  | <b>Sanction Year</b> | <b>Approved Cost (Rs. In Crore)</b> |
|----------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>       | <b>Development of Varanasi –Phase –I</b>                                | <b>2015-16</b>       | <b>18.73</b>                        |
| <b>2</b>       | <b>Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)</b> | <b>2014-15</b>       | <b>10.98</b>                        |
| <b>3</b>       | <b>Development of River Cruise Tourism at Varanasi</b>                  | <b>2017-18</b>       | <b>9.02</b>                         |
| <b>4</b>       | <b>Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan</b>         | <b>2014-15</b>       | <b>9.36</b>                         |
| <b>5</b>       | <b>Development of Varanasi – Phase II</b>                               | <b>2017-18</b>       | <b>44.60</b>                        |
| <b>6</b>       | <b>Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan</b>            | <b>2018-19</b>       | <b>37.59</b>                        |

**List of sites Identified in Uttar Pradesh under PRASHAD Scheme**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Project</b>   |
|----------------|--|
| <b>1.</b>      | <b>Shri Kali Mandir established by Adiguru Shankaracharya, Chowk, Lucknow District</b> |
| <b>2.</b>      | <b>Pilgrimage sites of Braj, Mathura District</b>                                      |

**List of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Uttar Pradesh**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Circuit Name/Year</b>        | <b>Name of the Project</b>                                   | <b>Amount Sanctioned (Rs. In Crore)</b> |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>1.</b>      | <b>Buddhist Circuit 2016-17</b> | <b>Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, &amp; Kapilwastu</b> | <b>87.89</b>                            |

|    |                                  |   |               |
|----|----------------------------------|---|---------------|
| 2. | <b>Ramayana Circuit 2016-17</b>  | <b>Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur</b>   | <b>69.45</b>  |
| 3. | <b>Spiritual Circuit 2016-17</b> | <b>Development of Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh- Kausambi-Mirzapur-Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj-Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-Kairana- Baghpat- Shahjahanpur</b>                          | <b>71.91</b>  |
| 4. | <b>Spiritual Circuit 2016-17</b> | <b>Development of Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi</b> | <b>67.51</b>  |
| 5. | <b>Heritage Circuit 2016-17</b>  | <b>Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mahuar shaheed Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)</b>                     | <b>36.65</b>  |
| 6. | <b>Ramayana Circuit 2017-18</b>  | <b>Development of Ayodhya</b>   | <b>127.21</b> |
| 7. | <b>Spiritual Circuit 2018-19</b> | <b>Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda</b>  | <b>12.03</b>  |
| 8. | <b>Spiritual Circuit 2018-19</b> | <b>Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyaganj)</b>  | <b>18.30</b>  |

**List of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in Uttar Pradesh**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Destination</b>  | <b>Name of the Experience</b>                  | <b>Sanctioned Amount (Rs. In Crore)</b> |
|----------------|---------------------|--|---|
| 1.             | <b>Prayagraj</b>    | <b>Azad Park and Dekho Prayagraj Trail Exp</b> | <b>13.02</b>                            |
| 2.             | <b>Naimisaranya</b> | <b>Vedic- wellness Experience</b>              | <b>15.94</b>                            |



**List of the projects sanctioned under SASCI in Uttar Pradesh is appended below:-**

| <b>S. No.</b> | <b>State</b>         | <b>Project Name</b>  | <b>Cost (in ₹ Crore)</b> |
|---------------|----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>1.</b>     | <b>Uttar Pradesh</b> | <b>1. Development of Bateshwar, District- Agra</b>           | <b>74.05</b>             |
|               |                      | <b>2. Integrated Buddhist Tourism Development, Shrawasti</b> | <b>80.24</b>             |

**List of Projects Sanctioned under the Scheme Assistance to Central Agencies in Uttar Pradesh**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Name of Project</b>  | <b>Amount sanctioned (Rs. In Crore)</b> |
|----------------|---|---|
| <b>1.</b>      | <b>Illumination of monuments in Varanasi/Sarnath (Dhamekh Stupa in Sarnath, Chaukhandi Stupa in Sarnath, Tomb of Lalkan in Sarnath and Man Mahal in Banaras).</b>                                   | <b>5.12</b>                             |
| <b>2.</b>      | <b>Illumination of three monuments in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh-</b><br><b>1. Dashashwamedh Ghat to Darbhanga Ghat (stretch of 300 m)</b><br><b>2. Tulsi Manas Mandir</b><br><b>3. Sarnath Museum</b> | <b>2.93</b>                             |
| <b>3.</b>      | <b>Rai-Bareilly Railway Station</b>   | <b>4.44</b>                             |

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