

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1751
ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025**

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ANCIENT SHIVA TEMPLE IN BAGHMARA, DHANBAD

†1751. SHRI DULU MAHATO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to restore the ancient Shiva Mandir situated at Jhinjhi Pahari, Baghmara in Dhanbad Parliamentary Constituency under 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive' (PRASAD) Scheme;**
- (b) if so, the details of schemes and initiatives likely to be proposed to conserve the historical and architectural importance of the temple; and**
- (c) the details of the financial assistance to be provided to improve cleanliness, amenities and infrastructure near the temple under the PRASAD Scheme?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): 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 destinations.

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.

Under the PRASHAD scheme, no project is under the consideration of the Ministry to restore the ancient Shiva Mandir situated at Jhinjhi Pahari, Baghmara in Dhanbad Parliamentary Constituency. However, the Ministry has sanctioned a project named 'Development of Baba Baidya Nath Dham' in Deoghar, Jharkhand under the PRASHAD Scheme.
