

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2386#**  
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2025

**PRASHAD SCHEME**

2386# SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA:

DR. K. LAXMAN:

SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

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

- (a) the current status of the progress of 48 projects sanctioned under PRASHAD scheme with a total allocation of ₹1,646.99 crore;
- (b) the expected economic impact of these 48 projects on local economies and employment generation;
- (c) the details of successful initiatives under the said scheme that have made a significant impact on pilgrimage tourism, especially considering that 23 out of the 48 projects have been completed; and
- (d) the manner in which the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) supports in achieving the objectives of PRASHAD scheme in strengthening tourism infrastructure?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): The Ministry of Tourism under the “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive” (PRASHAD) provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure at identified pilgrimage destinations. Under the scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 48 projects in 27 States/UTs. The current status of these projects is given in the annexure.

(b): Under the PRASHAD Scheme, infrastructure development is undertaken in an inclusive, integrated, and sustainable manner that focuses on livelihoods, skills, cleanliness, security, accessibility, and service delivery. The scheme contributes to employment generation while also enhancing awareness and fostering skill and capacity development of the local communities.

(c): The successful initiatives/interventions under the PRASHAD scheme that have made a significant impact on pilgrimage tourism and thereby enriched the pilgrim experience includes the development of tourist facilitation centres, sound and light shows, multi-storied car parking, dedicated parking areas, and the development of ghats, etc. Additionally, solid waste management systems, solar panels, and CCTV installations have been implemented to ensure sustainability, and safety.

(d): 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 for an amount of Rs. 3295.76 Crore. The objective of the scheme is to develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding, and marketing them at global scale. The scheme envisages the local economy growth and create employment opportunities through sustainable tourism projects.

Under the PRASHAD Scheme, the Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for the development of tourism infrastructure at identified pilgrimage destinations.

Through both the schemes, the Ministry of Tourism aims to enhance the country's tourism landscape by adopting a holistic approach to infrastructure development.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2386# ANSWERED ON 20.03.2025 REGARDING PRASHAD SCHEME RAISED BY SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA, DR. K. LAXMAN AND SHRI NARHARI AMIN.**

List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme (as on 10.03.2025)

(Rs. in Crore)

State/UT	S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Physical Progress %	Financial Progress %
Andhra Pradesh	1.	Development of Pilgrim Amenities at Amaravati	2015-16	27.77	27.77	100%	100%
	2.	Development of Srisailam Temple	2017-18	43.08	43.08	100%	100%
	3.	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam	2022-23	54.04	13.69	59%	25%
	4.	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town	2024-25	25.33	-	0%	0%
Arunachal Pradesh	5.	Development of Parshuram Kund	2020-21	37.88	31.02	92%	82%
Assam	6.	Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Kamakhya Temple	2015-16	29.80	29.80	100%	100%
Bihar	7.	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62	29.62	100%	100%
	8.	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple	2014-15	3.63	3.63	100%	100%
Chhattisgarh	9.	Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple	2020-21	48.44	40.19	90%	83%
Goa	10.	Development of Bom Jesus Basilica	2024-25	16.46	-	0%	0%
Gujarat	11.	Development of Dwarka	2016-17	10.46	10.46	100%	100%
	12.	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	2016-17	45.36	45.36	100%	100%
	13.	Development of Promenade at Somnath	2018-19	47.12	47.12	100%	100%
	14.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple	2022-23	50.00	10.54	35%	21%
Haryana	15.	Development of Mata Mansa Devi Temple and	2019-20	48.53	34.68	74%	71%

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		Nada Saheb Gurudwara					
Jammu and Kashmir	16.	Development at Hazratbal Shrine	2016-17	40.46	34.30	100%	85%
Jharkhand	17.	Development of Baba Baidya Nath Dham	2018-19	36.79	34.95	100%	89%
Karnataka	18.	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple	2023-24	45.71	0.00	0%	0%
Kerala	19.	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	45.19	45.19	100%	100%
Madhya Pradesh	20.	Development of Amarkantak	2020-21	49.99	34.73	89%	69%
	21.	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	43.93	43.93	100%	100%
Maharashtra	22.	Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	45.41	29.93	93%	66%
Meghalaya	23.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Nongswalia Church, Nartiang Shakti Peeth, Aitnar Pool and Charantala Kali Temple	2020-21	29.29	27.78	100%	95%
Mizoram	24.	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism at Chite Vang, Zuangtai, Reiek and Aizawl	2022-23	44.89	13.18	29%	29%
Nagaland	25.	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Molungkimong, Noksen Church, Aizuto, Wokha and Kohima	2018-19	25.20	23.56	100%	93%
	26.	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto	2022-23	18.18	15.45	72%	85%
Odisha	27.	Infrastructure Development at Puri	2014-15	50.00	10.00	-	20%
Punjab	28.	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	2015-16	6.40	6.40	100%	100%
	29.	Development of Chamkaur Sahib	2021-22	31.57	17.49	79%	55%
Rajasthan	30.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64	26.11	100%	80%
	31.	Development at Shri Karni Mata Temple, Bikaner	2024-25	22.58	-	0%	0%

State/UT	S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Physical Progress %	Financial Progress %
Sikkim	32.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32	28.31	87%	85%
Tamil Nadu	33.	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99	13.99	100%	100%
	34.	Development of Velankanni	2016-17	4.86	4.86	100%	100%
Telangana	35.	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple	2020-21	38.90	33.07	72%	85%
	36.	Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple	2022-23	62.00	32.73	37%	53%
	37.	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam	2022-23	41.38	8.43	29%	20%
Tripura	38.	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple	2020-21	34.43	28.01	79%	81%
Uttar Pradesh	39.	Development of Varanasi –Phase –I	2015-16	18.73	18.73	100%	100%
	40.	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98	10.98	100%	100%
	41.	Development of River Cruise Tourism at Varanasi	2017-18	9.02	9.02	100%	100%
	42.	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan	2014-15	9.36	9.36	100%	100%
	43.	Development of Varanasi – Phase II	2017-18	44.60	31.77	100%	71%
	44.	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	2018-19	37.59	30.97	100%	78%
Uttarakhand	45.	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.77	34.77	100%	100%
	46.	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham	2018-19	56.15	38.38	85%	68%
	47.	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities at Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham	2021-22	54.36	10.22	100%	18%
West Bengal	48.	Development of Belur Math	2016-17	30.03	23.39	100%	78%

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