

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3176**  
ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025

**BOTTLENECKS IN PRASHAD PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION**

3176 SHRI JAGGESH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that multiple approvals from different Government departments slow down the implementation of projects under the Spiritual Tourism Circuits;
- (b) whether dependence on Central and State funding co-ordination causes bottlenecks;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and the current status of all projects under the Spiritual Tourism Circuits;
- (d) whether Government plans to introduce a mechanism for prior clearances from temple authorities and other relevant stakeholders to prevent delays of projects under the scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism through the ongoing schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of the State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs) by extending financial assistance to SGs/UTs for tourism infrastructure development.

The development and completion of projects under the schemes depend on various factors like successful tendering process, capacity of state implementing agency, timely project planning and designing, submission of requisite documents etc. The details of the current status of the projects under spiritual tourism circuits of Swadesh Darshan scheme and PRASHAD scheme, including the details of funds allocated, released and utilised is annexed.

The projects sanctioned under the above schemes are implemented by respective State Government/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism regularly monitors the progress of project and also encourages respective State Governments/UT Administrations to complete the projects in a time bound manner. In order to monitor and expedite progress of the projects and to guide the State Governments/UT Administrations, the Ministry of Tourism holds regular review meetings at different levels, including Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee and Mission Directorate meetings.

The Ministry of Tourism consults various stakeholders, including the State Governments/UT Administrations, local bodies, temple trusts and concerned Union Ministries and other stakeholders while approving of the projects under the PRASHAD Scheme. The State Governments/UT Administrations are required to provide undertakings ensuring encumbrance-free land availability and other necessary clearances and provide commitments for the sustainable operation and maintenance of developed assets, as part of the Detailed Project Report (DPR).

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**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3176 ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025 REGARDING BOTTLENECKS IN PRASHAD PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION RAISED BY SHRI JAGGESH**

**(i) List of projects sanctioned under ‘Spiritual Circuit’ theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme is as under:**

**(Amount in ₹ crore)**

S. No.	Name of State/UT	Year	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released/ Authorized *	Amount Utilised	Physical Status (%)
1.	Kerala	(2016-17)	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.	46.54	33.39	36.27	Complete
2.	Manipur	(2016-17)	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple.	45.34	45.33	43.04	Complete
3.	Kerala	(2016-17)	Development of Sree Padmanabha Temple, Aranmula- Sabrimala	78.08	73.77	68.98	Complete
4.	Bihar	(2016-17)	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76	42.52	42.17	Complete
5.	Uttar Pradesh	(2016-17)	Development of Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh-Kausambi-Mirzapur-Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj-Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-Kairana-Baghpat- Shahjahanpur	71.91	69.63	69.63	Complete
6.	Uttar Pradesh	(2016-17)	Development of Bijnor-Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur-Salempur- Ghosi- Balia-Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh-Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba-Sonbhadra- Chandauli-Mishrikh- Bhadohi	67.51	64.14	63.62	Complete
7.	Rajasthan	(2016-	Development of Spiritual	87.05	75.03	75.03	Complete

		17)	Circuit- 'Development of Churu (Salasar Balaji)-Jaipur (Shri Samodke Balaji, Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)-Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) - Mehndipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)				
8.	Puducherry	(2017-18)	Development of Karaikal, Yanam and Puducherry	34.96	31.40	31.40	Complete
9.	Bihar	(2017-18)	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh.	44.55	42.32	42.32	Complete
10.	Maharashtra	(2018-19)	Development of Waki-Adasa- Dhapewada-Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh- Telankhandi- Girad	45.47	43.19	38.24	Complete
11.	Uttar Pradesh	(2018-19)	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda	12.03	11.43	11.69	Complete
12.	Uttar Pradesh	(2018-19)	Development of Gorakhnath Temple(Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple(Domariyaganj)	18.30	18.12	18.12	Complete
13.	Kerala	(2018-19)	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram-Arruvipuram-KunnumparaSreeSubrahmanya- ChembazhanthiSree Narayana Gurukulam	66.42	42.01	32.91	On going

\* Includes amount of authorization to CNA through TSA Model I for Central Sector Scheme

(ii) List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme is as under:

(Amount in ₹ crore)

State/UT	S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released/ Authorized *	Physical Progress %
Andhra Pradesh	1	Development of Pilgrim Amenities at Amaravati	2015-16	27.77	27.77	100%

	2	Development of Srisailam Temple	2017-18	43.08	43.08	100%
	3	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam	2022-23	54.04	13.69	59%
	4	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavam Temple Town	2024-25	25.33	-	0%
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	5	Development of Parshuram Kund	2020-21	37.88	31.02	92%
<b>Assam</b>	6	Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Kamakhya Temple	2015-16	29.80	29.80	100%
<b>Bihar</b>	7	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62	29.62	100%
	8	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple	2014-15	3.63	3.63	100%
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	9	Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple	2020-21	48.44	40.19	90%
<b>Goa</b>	10	Development of Bom Jesus Basilica	2024-25	16.46	-	0%
<b>Gujarat</b>	11	Development of Dwarka	2016-17	10.46	10.46	100%
	12	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	2016-17	45.36	45.36	100%
	13	Development of Promenade at Somnath	2018-19	47.12	47.12	100%
	14	Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple	2022-23	50.00	10.54	35%
<b>Haryana</b>	15	Development of Mata Mansa Devi Temple and Nada Saheb Gurudwara	2019-20	48.53	34.68	74%
<b>Jammu and Kashmir</b>	16	Development at Hazratbal Shrine	2016-17	40.46	34.30	100%
<b>Jharkhand</b>	17	Development of Baba Baidya Nath Dham	2018-19	36.79	34.95	100%
<b>Karnataka</b>	18	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple	2023-24	45.71	0.00	0%

<b>Kerala</b>	19	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	45.19	45.19	100%
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	20	Development of Amarkantak	2020-21	49.99	34.73	89%
	21	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	43.93	43.93	100%
<b>Maharashtra</b>	22	Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	45.41	29.93	93%
<b>Meghalaya</b>	23	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Nongswalia Church, Nartiang Shakti Peeth, Aitnar Pool and Charantala Kali Temple	2020-21	29.29	27.78	100%
<b>Mizoram</b>	24	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism at Chite Vang, Zuangtai, Reiek and Aizawl	2022-23	44.89	13.18	29%
<b>Nagaland</b>	25	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Molungkimong, Noksen Church, Aizuto, Wokha and Kohima	2018-19	25.20	23.56	100%
	26	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto	2022-23	18.18	15.45	72%
<b>Odisha</b>	27	Infrastructure Development at Puri	2014-15	50.00	10.00	-
<b>Punjab</b>	28	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	2015-16	6.40	6.40	100%
	29	Development of Chamkaur Sahib	2021-22	31.57	17.49	79%
<b>Rajasthan</b>	30	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64	26.11	100%
	31	Development at Shri Karni Mata Temple, Bikaner	2024-25	22.58	-	0%
<b>Sikkim</b>	32	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32	28.31	87%
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	33	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99	13.99	100%
	34	Development of Velankanni	2016-17	4.86	4.86	100%
<b>Telangana</b>	35	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple	2020-21	38.90	33.07	72%
	36	Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple	2022-23	62.00	32.73	37%

	37	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam	2022-23	41.38	8.43	29%
<b>Tripura</b>	38	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple	2020-21	34.43	28.01	79%
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	39	Development of Varanasi – Phase –I	2015-16	18.73	18.73	100%
	40	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98	10.98	100%
	41	Development of River Cruise Tourism at Varanasi	2017-18	9.02	9.02	100%
	42	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan	2014-15	9.36	9.36	100%
	43	Development of Varanasi – Phase II	2017-18	44.60	31.77	100%
	44	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	2018-19	37.59	30.97	100%
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	45	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.77	34.77	100%
	46	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham	2018-19	56.15	38.38	85%
	47	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities at Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham	2021-22	54.36	10.22	100%
<b>West Bengal</b>	48	Development of Belur Math	2016-17	30.03	23.39	100%

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