GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3716 ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025

STATUS OF 48 PROJECTS UNDER PRASAD SCHEME

†3716. SHRI MAHESH KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of current progress of 48 projects sanctioned under PRASAD Scheme at a cost of Rs. 1,646.99 crore;
- (b) the expected economic impacts on local economies and employment in view of development of said 48 projects;
- (c) the details of some of the successful initiatives under the Scheme that had the greatest impact on pilgrimage tourism, especially keeping this in mind that 23 out of the 48 projects have been completed; and
- (d) the manner in which Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment Scheme (SASCI) is helpful in achieving the objectives of PRASAD Scheme to strengthen 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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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †3716 ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025 REGARDING STATUS OF 48 PROJECTS UNDER PRASAD SCHEME RAISED BY SHRI MAHESH KASHYAP

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

State/UT	S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Progress	Financial Progress %
	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%
Andhra Pradesh	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	2015-16	29.80	29.80	100%	100%

State/UT	S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	-	Financial Progress %
	7.	Temple Development	2015-16	29.62	29.62	100%	100%
Bihar		at Patna Sahib 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%
	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%
Gujarat	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 Nada Saheb Gurudwara	2019-20	48.53	34.68	74%	71%
Jammu and Kashmir	16.	Development at Hazratbal Shrine	2016-17	40.46	34.30	100%	85%
Jharkhand	17.	Development of Baba Baidya	2018-19	36.79	34.95	100%	89%

State/UT	S. No	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Progress	Financial Progress %
Karnataka	18.	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at	2023-24	45.71	0.00	0%	0%
Kerala	19.	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	45.19	45.19	100%	100%
	20.	Development of Amarkantak	2020-21	49.99	34.73	89%	69%
Madhya Pradesh	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	2022-23	44.89	13.18	29%	29%
Nagaland	25.	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at	2018-19	25.20	23.56	100%	93%

State/UT	S. No	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Progress	Financial Progress %
		Molungkimong, Noksen Church, Aizuto, Wokha and Kohima					
	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%
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.	 Develonment	2016-17	4.86	4.86	100%	100%
Telangana	35.	Development of Jogulamba	2020-21	38.90	33.07	72%	85%

State/UT	S. No.	Project Name Devi Temple	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Progress	Financial Progress %
	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%
	39.	Development of Varanasi – Phase –I	2015-16	18.73	18.73	100%	100%
		Development of Mathura- Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98	10.98	100%	100%
Uttar	41.	Development of River Cruise Tourism at Varanasi	2017-18	9.02	9.02	100%	100%
Pradesh	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	2018-19	37.59	30.97	100%	78%

State/UT	S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Progress	Financial Progress %
		facilities at Govardhan					
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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