

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3837
ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025**

INCLUSION OF SPIRITUAL PLACES OF SHIRDI IN PRASHAD

†3837. SHRI BHAUSAHEB RAJARAM WAKCHAURE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to develop the Vithal Temple and Peer Baba Dargah situated in Dhandarphal Village of Sangamner Taluka in Shirdi Parliamentary Constituency in Maharashtra and the Premgiri complex situated in Shahgarh Fort village from a tourism point of view by including them in the PRASHAD Scheme;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

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) provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure at identified pilgrimage destinations.

No proposal is under the consideration of the Ministry of tourism to include the Vithal Temple and Peer Baba Dargah situated in Dhandarphal Village of Sangamner Taluka in Shirdi Parliamentary Constituency in Maharashtra and the Premgiri complex situated in Shahgarh Fort village under the PRASHAD Scheme. However, under the PRASHAD Scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned/identified several projects in Maharashtra, the details of which is given in the Annexure.

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.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3837 ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025 REGARDING INCLUSION OF SPIRITUAL PLACES OF SHIRDI IN PRASHAD RAISED BY SHRI BHAUSAHEB RAJARAM WAKCHAURE

List of project sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Maharashtra

(Rs. Crore)

State/UT	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Physical Progress %
Maharashtra	Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	45.41	29.93	93%

List of Sites identified under PRASHAD Scheme in Maharashtra

Sr. No.	Name of Sites
1.	Shri Grishneshwar Shivalaya, Aurangabad District
2.	Tuljapur, Osmanabad district
3.	Shri Kshetra Rajur, Ganpati Temple, Jalna District
