

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3857
ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025**

PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN SHIMLA

†3857. SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposals have been forwarded by the present Government of Himachal Pradesh to the Union Government during the last two years to further promote tourism in Shimla Parliamentary Constituency of Himachal Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the number of pilgrimage sites in Himachal Pradesh identified so far under the PRASAD Scheme (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive) to promote religious tourism and develop pilgrimage sites along with the details of the construction work and amount sanctioned in this regard, district-wise;**
- (d) whether Shri Renuka Ji Mandir in Shimla Parliamentary Constituency which is the birthplace of Lord Parshuram and attracts a large number of tourists and devotees from both within the country and abroad and hosts an international fair, is included under the said scheme; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

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

No proposal for development of tourism projects in Shimla Parliamentary Constituency of Himachal Pradesh is under the consideration of the Ministry of Tourism under its ongoing schemes as no proposal in the prescribed format is received in the Ministry of Tourism.

However, under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project around Shimla named “Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra, Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba” at a cost of Rs. 68.34 crore.

In addition, the Ministry of Tourism as part of its ongoing endeavour promotes various tourism destinations and products of the country including Shimla through promotional activities, events, website, social media promotions, etc.

(c): The Ministry of Tourism has identified the project 'Development Of Maa Chintpurni Temple, Una District' under the PRASHAD Scheme. The major components proposed in the project includes Q-Complex with Pilgrimage Facilities for Darshan, LED Façade Illumination for Q-Complex and Covered pathway at Temple Level, etc.

(d) to (e): No proposal is under the consideration of the Ministry of Tourism to include Shri Renuka Ji Mandir in Shimla Parliamentary Constituency under the PRASHAD Scheme.

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.
