

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3870
ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025**

PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS TOURISM

†3870. SHRI BIPLAB KUMAR DEB:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the measures taken by the Government to promote religious tourism;**
- (b) the progress made in various religious tourist places in this regard; and**
- (c) the number of religious places in the State of Tripura included under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS)?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, including religious tourism is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry complements the efforts of States/UTs by developing and promoting various tourism products of the country, including religious tourism through various schemes and initiatives.

(b): 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 with estimated cost of Rs. 1620.21 crore. The details of the projects sanctioned under the PRASHAD Scheme is given in the Annexure.

(c): Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned two projects under the North-East Circuit namely “Development of Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur- Tirthamukh- Mandirghat- Dumboor- NarikelKunja- Gandachara- Ambassa” and “Development of SurmaCherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati - Bhunaneshwari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chottakhola- Pilak- Avangchaarra”.

In addition, the Ministry of Tourism under its revamped scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0, has identified two destinations in the State of Tripura namely Agartala and Unakoti.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3870 ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025 REGARDING PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS TOURISM RAISED BY SHRI BIPLAB KUMAR DEB****List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme (as on 10.03.2025)****(Rs. 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 Srisailem 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%

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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 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	2018-19	36.79	34.95	100%	89%

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		Baidya Nath Dham					
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	2022-23	44.89	13.18	29%	29%

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		Aizawl					
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%
Sikkim	32.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32	28.31	87%	85%
Tamil Nadu	33.	Development of	2016-17	13.99	13.99	100%	100%

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		Kanchipuram					
	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%

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	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%
