

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+203
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025**

MAINTENANCE OF DAL LAKE IN DHARAMSHALA

+203. DR. RAJEEV BHARADWAJ:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the ongoing problem of water leakage in Dal Lake in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh during the last few years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has made any plan to stop water leakage in the said lake for tourism development; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Development of tourism is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government/UT Administration. The Ministry of Tourism does not have a programme to handle issues related to lake conservation, water leakage in individual water bodies, etc. However, the Ministry of Tourism through its 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' schemes complements the development efforts by providing financial assistance to them for undertaking tourism related projects at various tourist places to develop tourism amenities. Such financial assistance under the relevant schemes is provided on receipt of the project proposals from the concerned State Government/UT Administration and subject to its adherence to the scheme guidelines and instructions issued by the Government from time to time, availability of budget, inter-se priority etc.

The details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan, SD2.0, and Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) scheme in the State of Himachal Pradesh is Annexed.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+203 ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025 REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF DAL LAKE IN DHARAMSHALA RAISED BY DR. RAJEEV BHARADWAJ.**

(i) Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Himachal Pradesh is as under:

(Amount in ₹crore)

Sl. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost
1.	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra, Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba	68.34

(ii) Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in the State of Himachal Pradesh is as under:

(Amount in ₹crore)

Sl. No.	Year of Sanction	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost
1.	2024-25	Maa Chintpurni Temple (District - Una)	Development of Maa Chintpurni Devi Temple, Una	56.26

(iii) Details of Project sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme in the State of Himachal Pradesh is as under:

(Amount in ₹crore)

Sl. No.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost
1.	2024-25	Tourism Infrastructure Development at Kaza	24.82
2.	2024-25	Tourism Infrastructure Development at Rakchham, Chhitkul	4.96
