

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*318  
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025**

**ACHIEVEMENTS OF PRASHAD SCHEME**

**\*318. SHRI RAVINDRA DATTARAM WAIKAR:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:**

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to highlight the remarkable achievements of the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme at major pilgrimage sites across the country;**
- (b) the details of the positive growth at destinations developed under the said scheme;**
- (c) the details of the strategy of the Government for developing integrated spiritual circuits offering a seamless and holistic journey for devotees;**
- (d) the details of the concrete steps taken/being taken to ensure the highest standards of 'Swachhata' and waste management at these sacred sites; and**
- (e) the manner in which the Government plans to leverage digital technologies, such as Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR), to create immersive experiences that narrate the rich history and significance of these sites?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM      (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

**\*\*\*\*\***

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\*318 ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025 REGARDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF PRASHAD SCHEME RAISED BY SHRI RAVINDRA DATTARAM WAIKAR AND DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:**

**(a) and (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 religious and heritage sites across the country.**

**Since the launch of the PRASHAD Scheme in January 2015, the Ministry has sanctioned 54 projects in 28 States/UTs with an estimated cost of Rs.1726.74 Crores. The details of the projects are given in the Annexure.**

**Under 54 sanctioned projects of the PRASHAD Scheme across 28 States/UTs, the Ministry of Tourism has developed various amenities for improving overall tourist experience such as Tourist Facilitation Centres, Approach Roads and Parking, Waiting Halls, Cloak Rooms, Public Convenience, Cafeteria, Solid Waste Management, Signages, Site Development viz. Landscaping and beautification, Development of Annadanam Centres, etc.**

**As per the Report on Evaluation of Central Sector Scheme- PRASHAD by IIM Rohtak in the year 2021, the Scheme has helped in increasing the visitor satisfaction, ease of travel and aesthetical aspects of the selected heritage sites. Also, the report mentioned that the Scheme has led to increase in the positive overall visitor user experience.**

**(c) to (e) : Development of tourist destinations 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, through various schemes and initiatives. This process is undertaken in consultation with State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs).**

**The Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan scheme has developed projects under various thematic circuits such as Spiritual Circuits, Buddhist Circuits, Tirthankar Circuits, Krishna Circuits, Ramayana Circuits, etc.**

**Under the PRASHAD Scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned various projects for the development of tourism infrastructure at identified pilgrimage destinations.**

**Through the schemes, the Ministry of Tourism aims to enhance the country's tourism landscape by adopting a holistic approach to infrastructure development and has sanctioned components such as upgradation of tourist arrival areas with Tourist Facilitation Centres, approach roads and parking; provision of basic amenities like waiting halls and cloakrooms; and development of utility infrastructure, landscaping and beautification and the development of Annadanam Centres, etc.**

**While the regular maintenance of cleanliness at pilgrimage sites is the responsibility of concerned State Government/UT administration, local bodies and temple trusts, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned**

**various interventions to promote hygiene, and cleanliness such as solid waste management systems, sewage treatment plants, public conveniences, bio-toilets, pet bottle flaking machines, dustbins, waste segregation units, and Pious waste management.**

**The Ministry of Tourism also encourages State Governments/UT Administrations to leverage innovative technologies for enhancing visitor experience at pilgrimage and heritage sites and has sanctioned components such as experiential centres and AR/VR facilities under the Scheme. Further, the Ministry has sanctioned components such as Amphitheaters, Open Air Theatres (OATs), Light and Sound shows, Interpretation centres which provides a platform for narrating the rich history and significance of these sites.**

**\*\*\*\*\***

**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\*318 ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025 REGARDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF PRASHAD SCHEME BY SHRI RAVINDRA DATTARAM WAIKAR AND DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE****List of projects under PRASHAD Scheme**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Sanction Amount (Rs. Crores)</b>	<b>Amount Released (RS. Crores)</b>	<b>Physical Progress</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>27.77</b>	<b>27.77</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>Development of Srisailem Temple</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>43.08</b>	<b>43.08</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami VariDevasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam Temple</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>54.04</b>	<b>27.37</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>25.33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>Development of ParshuramKund, LohitDistt.</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>37.88</b>	<b>31.02</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>29.80</b>	<b>29.80</b>	<b>100%</b>

		<b>and around Guwahati</b>				
<b>7</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Development at Patna Sahib</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>29.62</b>	<b>29.62</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Development of AmbikaBhawani Temple, Saran</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>13.29</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>Development of MaaBamleshwari Devi Temple, Dongargarh, Rajnandgaon District, Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>48.44</b>	<b>40.19</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>Development of Bom Jesus Basilica</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>16.46</b>	<b>4.68</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>Development of Dwarka</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>10.46</b>	<b>10.46</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>45.36</b>	<b>45.36</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>Development of Promenade at Somnath</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>47.12</b>	<b>47.12</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at AmbajiTemple, Banaskantha, Gujarat</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Haryana</b>	<b>Development of Mata Mansa Devi Temple and Nada SahebGurudwara in Panchkula District</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>48.53</b>	<b>34.68</b>	<b>74%</b>

17	Jammu & Kashmir	Development at Hazratbal Shrine, Srinagar	2016-17	40.46	34.30	100%
18	Jharkhand	Development of Baba Baidyanath Dham, Deoghar	2018-19	36.79	34.95	100%
19	Karnataka	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple, Mysuru	2023-24	45.38	0.00	0%
20	Karnataka	Development of Renuka Yallama Devi temple	2024-25	18.37	-	-
21	Karnataka	Development of Basic Amenities at Papnash Temple, Bidar dist.	2024-25	22.25	-	0%
22	Kerala	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	45.19	45.19	100%
23	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Amarkantak	2020-21	49.99	42.47	100%
24	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	43.93	43.93	100%
25	Maharashtra	Development of Trimbakeshwar, Nashik	2017-18	45.41	38.44	91%
26	Meghalaya	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya	2020-21	29.29	27.78	100%
27	Mizoram	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism in the State of Mizoram	2022-23	44.89	26.37	44.5%
28	Mizoram	Development of Basic Amenities	2024-25	5.47	-	-

		<b>under PRASHAD scheme in Vangchhia, Champhai District</b>				
<b>29</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>25.20</b>	<b>23.56</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>18.18</b>	<b>15.45</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Odisha</b>	<b>Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree JagannathDham - Ramachandi - Prachi River front at Demuliunder Mega Circuit</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>Puducherry</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrim Facilites&amp; Tourist attractions for Sri Dharbaranyeswar a Temple</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>25.94</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>Development of KarunaSagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>6.40</b>	<b>6.40</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>Development of Chamkaur Sahib at Rupar, Punjab</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>30.52</b>	<b>21.93</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>32.64</b>	<b>26.11</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>33.32</b>	<b>28.31</b>	<b>100%</b>



		<b>Saints, Yuksom</b>				
<b>37</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>Development of Kanchipuram</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>13.99</b>	<b>13.99</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>Development of Velankanni</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>4.86</b>	<b>4.86</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>Development of 8 Navagraha Temples</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>40.94</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple, Alampur</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>38.90</b>	<b>33.07</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>41</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Mulugu</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>62.00</b>	<b>32.73</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam, Bhadrachalam District</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>41.38</b>	<b>8.43</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>Development of Basic Amenities at goddess RenukaYellamaDevasthanam</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>4.22</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>Development of Tripura Sundari Temple, Udaipur</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>34.43</b>	<b>28.01</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>Development of Varanasi – Phase –I</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>18.73</b>	<b>18.73</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>10.98</b>	<b>10.98</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>River Cruise Tourism in</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>9.02</b>	<b>9.02</b>	<b>100%</b>

		<b>Ganga, Varanasi</b>				
<b>48</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>9.36</b>	<b>9.36</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>Development of Varanasi – Phase –II</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>44.60</b>	<b>31.77</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>37.59</b>	<b>30.97</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>51</b>	<b>Uttarakh and</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Kedarnath</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>34.77</b>	<b>34.77</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>52</b>	<b>Uttarakh and</b>	<b>Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>56.15</b>	<b>38.38</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>53</b>	<b>Uttarakh and</b>	<b>Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities and Gangotri and YamunotriDham</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>54.36</b>	<b>10.22</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>54</b>	<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>Development of Belur Math</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>30.03</b>	<b>23.39</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Total</b>				<b>1726.74</b>	<b>1168.65</b>	

\*\*\*\*\*