

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. †*320
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025**

DEVELOPMENT OF PILGRIMAGE SITES UNDER PRASHAD

†*320. SMT. LOVELY ANAND:

SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various pilgrimage sites identified and approved under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme in Bihar during the last five years;**
- (b) the current status of all the said projects;**
- (c) whether the State Government of Bihar has sent a proposal for development of any pilgrimage site to the Union Government after the year 2017-18; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.†*320 ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF PILGRIMAGE SITES UNDER PRASHAD RAISED BY SMT. LOVELY ANAND AND SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV

(a) to (d): 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, including the State of Bihar.

Under the scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 3 projects namely Development at Patna Sahib, Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar and Development of Ambika Bhawani Temple, Saran. The status of these projects is placed at 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 fulfillment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.†*320 ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF PILGRIMAGE SITES UNDER PRASHAD RAISED BY SMT. LOVELY ANAND AND SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV****List of projects under PRASHAD Scheme in the State of Bihar****(Rs. In Crores)**

S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Sanction Amount	Amount Released	Amount Utilized	Physical Progress	Status
1	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62	29.62	29.62	100%	Completed
2	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	2014-15	3.63	3.63	3.63	100%	Completed
3	Development of Ambika Bhawani Temple, Saran	2024-25	13.29	-	-	-	Ongoing
