

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1419
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PRASAD SCHEME

1419 SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

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

- (a) the details of recent and proposed changes, if any, in the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spirituality Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) scheme;
- (b) whether Government has included pilgrimage centres in Chhattisgarh under the scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including the names; and
- (d) the amount sanctioned by Government to the State in this regard since inception of the scheme till date?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism launched the PRASAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive) Scheme in 2014-15 with the objective of developing infrastructure at identified religious and heritage sites across the country. Under the Scheme, the Ministry provides financial assistance to State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for the development of tourism infrastructure at these sites.

This scheme was modified in 2017 to include projects for development of Heritage destinations.

The Ministry of Tourism under the PRASHAD scheme, has sanctioned a project “Development of Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple, Dongargarh, Rajnandgaon District, Chhattisgarh” in the year 2020-21 at a cost of Rs.48.44 crore.
