

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2220
ANSWERED ON 07.08.2025

RESTORATION AND PROMOTION OF RURAL HERITAGE SITES

2220 SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

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

- (a) whether Government plans to support restoration and promotion of lesser-known temple clusters and heritage sites across India;
- (b) the details of initiatives in Uttar Pradesh to link such sites to state cultural tourism circuits, including support for home-stays and craft stalls managed by women Self Help Groups; and
- (c) whether Government will promote restoration and tourism around Auraiya's Badi Devi and Mahadev temples and support women-led home-stays and craft stalls at these sites?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): The Development and promotion of tourist destinations is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism complements the efforts of States/UTs by developing and promoting various tourism products, including promotion of lesser-known temple clusters and heritage sites across India through various schemes and initiatives.

As per the information received from The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), conservation and maintenance works including provision of amenities like drinking water, toilet blocks, pathways etc. of protected monuments/sites are taken up under the jurisdiction of ASI. Conservation and maintenance of monuments/sites is a continuous process and is taken up as per the need of the monuments and availability of resources.

(b): The Ministry of Tourism through its ongoing schemes of Swadesh Darshan, 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' has extended financial assistance for developing tourism related infrastructure in the country including the State of Uttar Pradesh. The details of projects sanctioned in Uttar Pradesh under the various schemes of the Ministry are given in the Annexure.

Further, the Government of India has approved the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan for development of homestays with the objective of improving the socio-economic condition of tribal communities.

(c): No proposal is under the consideration of the Ministry of Tourism for tourism infrastructure development around Auraiya's Badi Devi and Mahadev temples, Uttar Pradesh.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2220 ANSWERED ON 07.08.2025 REGARDING RESTORATION AND PROMOTION OF RURAL HERITAGE SITES RAISED BY SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA.

List of Projects under PRASHAD Scheme in Uttar Pradesh

(Rs. in Crore)

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost
1	Development of Varanasi – Phase –I	18.73
2	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	10.98
3	River Cruise Tourism in Ganga, Varanasi	9.02
4	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan	9.36
5	Development of Varanasi – Phase –II	44.60
6	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	37.59

List of Projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Uttar Pradesh

(Rs. in Crore)

Sr. No.	Circuit Name/ Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	87.89
2	Ramayana Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45
3	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh- Kausambi-Mirzapur-Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj-Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-Kairana-Baghat- Shahjahanpur	71.91
4	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi	67.51
5	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mahuar shaheed Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)	36.65
6	Ramayana Circuit 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21
7	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda	12.03
8	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur),	18.30

	2018-19	Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	
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List of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in Uttar Pradesh

(Rs. in Crore)

Sr. No.	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost
1	Prayagraj	Azad Park and Dekho Prayagraj Trail Exp	14.52
2	Naimisaranya	Vedic- wellness Experience	17.8

List of Projects sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), in Uttar Pradesh

(Rs. in Crore)

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost
1	Development of Cultural Landscape at Mahoba	24.98
2	Development of Jadung Festive Ground', Jadung	4.99

List of Projects sanctioned under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI Scheme) in Uttar Pradesh

(Rs. in Crore)

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost
1	Development of Bateshwar in District-Agra	74.05
2	Integrated Buddhist Tourism Development in Shrawasti	80.24

List of Projects sanctioned under 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Infrastructure Development' in Uttar Pradesh

(Rs. in Crore)

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1	Illumination of monuments in Varanasi/Sarnath (Dhamekh Stupa in SarnathChaukhandi Stupa in Sarnath, Tomb of Lalkan in Sarnath and Man Mahal in Banaras).	5.12
2	Illumination of three monuments in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh- 1. Dashashwamedh Ghat to Darbhanga Ghat (stretch of 300 m) 2.Tulsi Manas Mandir 3. Sarnath Museum	2.93
3	Rai-Bareilly Railway Station	4.44
4	Agra Cantt. Railway Station	5.05
