

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2344  
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025**

**DEVELOPMENT OF PILGRIMAGE SITES IN MADHYA PRADESH**

**2344. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the PRASHAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive) Scheme to develop religious and heritage tourism destinations, particularly in the State of Madhya Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government has identified or developed pilgrimage sites or heritage locations in the districts of Katni Panna, and the town of Khajuraho in the Khajuraho Lok Sabha constituency;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken/being taken for infrastructural development and tourist facilities under the said scheme; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products is primarily undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector scheme of “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive” (PRASHAD) provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism related infrastructure at identified religious and heritage sites across the country, including the State of Madhya Pradesh.**

**Assistance is extended based on proposals received from States/UTs, subject to availability of funds, submission of Detailed**

**Project Reports (DPRs) by the State/UT, adherence to scheme guidelines, utilization of funds released earlier etc.**

**Under PRASHAD scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 2 projects in the state of Madhya Pradesh the detail of which is as under:**

**(Rs. In Crore)**

<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Sanction Amount (in Crores)</b>
<b>Development of Amarkantak</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>49.99</b>
<b>Development of Omkareshwar</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>43.93</b>

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