

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2399
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025**

DEVELOPMENT OF MUNABAO BORDER AS A TOURIST DESTINATION

†2399. SHRI UMMEDA RAM BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to develop to Munabao border located at the India-Pakistan international border in the Barmer district of Rajasthan, as a tourist destination on the lines of Wagah Border;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to include the activities like the Beating Retreat ceremony, spectator galleries, museums and light and sound shows to promote border tourism, national unity and patriotic sentiment by developing the Munabao border; and**
- (d) if not, whether the Government is likely to consider tourism development of this historically and strategically significant place in near future?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and tourism products is primarily undertaken by the respective State Government/ Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of ‘Swadesh Darshan(SD)’, ‘Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)’, ‘Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)’ – a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan, ‘Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ and ‘Assistance to Central Agencies(ACA) for Tourism Infrastructure Development’ complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations/Central Agencies; subject to availability of funds, adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) by the State Government/ UT Administration/concerned Central Agency etc.

In addition, Government of India under its initiative for ‘Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI)’ has also provided financial assistance to the States for development of tourism projects.

The details of the projects sanctioned along-with funds allocated under SD, SD2.0, PRASHAD, ACA and SASCI scheme in the state of Rajasthan is Annexed.

Presently, no proposal is under the consideration in the Ministry of Tourism to develop the Munabao border, located at the India-Pakistan international border in Barmer district of Rajasthan, as a tourist destination on the lines of the Wagah Border.

The Ministry of Tourism as part of its ongoing promotional activities regularly promotes various tourist destinations and tourism products of the country, including those in border areas in the international and domestic markets through social media, promotional websites, events etc.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+2399 ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF MUNABAO BORDER AS A TOURIST DESTINATION RAISED BY SHRI UMMEDA RAM BENIWAL

Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Rajasthan:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

S. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost
1	Desert Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations	50.01
2	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), KhatuShyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	75.80
3	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Spiritual Circuit- 'Development of Churu (SalasarBalaji)-Jaipur (Shri SamodkeBalaji, GhatkeBalaji, BandhekeBalaji)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) - MehndipurBalaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)	87.05
4	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Heritage Circuit Development of Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort) - Jaipur (Facade Illumination in Jaipur and Nahargarh Fort) -Jhalawar (Gagron Fort) - Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) – Jaisalmer (Jaisalmer Fort) - Hanumangarh (Gogamedi) - Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra) - Dholpur (Bagh-I-Nilofer and PuraniChawani) - Nagaur (Meera Bai Smarak, Merta) - Tonk (SunehriKothi)	70.61

List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in the State of Rajasthan:

S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Sanction Amount (in ₹ Crores)
1	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64

List of Projects Sanctioned under the Scheme Assistance to Central Agencies in the State of Rajasthan:

S. No.	Name of Project	Agency	Sanction Date	Amount sanctioned (in ₹ Crore)
1	Development of Border Tourism at Shri Tanot Complex, Jaisalmer Sector	BSF	05-07-2022	17.68
2	Installation of Musical Fountain & Water Screen Multimedia based projection show at NawalSagar Lake, Bundi	ITDC	04-10-2023	9.26

List of sanctioned projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 in the State of Rajasthan :

S No.	Year of Sanction	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost (₹ Crore)
1	2023-24	Bundi	Spiritual Experience, Keshavraipatan	21.65
2	2024-25	Sikar	Development works at Shri KhatuShyam Ji Temple (Sikar)	87.87
3	2024-25	Karni Mata temple, Bikaner dist.	Development Works at Shri Karnimatamandir, Bikaner	22.57
4	2024-25	MalaseriDungari (District - Bhilwara)	Development of MalaseriDungri, Bhilwara District	48.73

List of Projects sanctioned under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI Scheme) - Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale in the State of Rajasthan:

S. No.	State	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost (₹ Crore)
1	Rajasthan	2024-25	Development at Amber-Nahargarh and Surrounding Area in Jaipur	49.31
2	Rajasthan	2024-25	Development at Jalmahal in Jaipur	96.61
