

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3334
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**DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL AND PILGRIMAGE INFRASTRUCTURE
IN DWARKA, GUJARAT**

3334 SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has proposed or sanctioned any cultural infrastructure development plans for the holy city of Dwarka and Ambaji temples;
- (b) the details of funds allocated under PRASAD or other schemes for preservation, beautification, and tourism enhancement of Dwarka;
- (c) whether the Ministry is working with State Government to boost religious tourism in the region; and
- (d) the steps taken to improve amenities for pilgrims and promote Dwarka and Ambaji as an international spiritual heritage destination?

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 complements the efforts of States/UTs by developing and promoting various tourism products of the country, including of Gujarat through its various schemes and initiatives.

The Ministry of Tourism under the PRASHAD Scheme has sanctioned two projects for development of tourism infrastructure around Dwarka and Ambaji temple in the State of Gujarat, the details of which is as under:

S. No.	Name of Project	Sanction year	Sanction Cost (Rs. Crore)
1.	Development of Dwarka	2016-17	10.46
2.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple, Banaskantha, Gujarat	2022-23	50.00

Under these projects, the Ministry of Tourism has developed various amenities for improving overall tourist experience such as Tourist Facilitation Centres, Approach Roads and Parking, Queue Complex, Shaded resting areas, Drinking water facility, Public Convenience, Signages, Site Development viz. Landscaping and beautification, etc.

In addition, the Ministry of Tourism as part of its ongoing endeavour promotes various tourism destinations and products of the country including Gujarat through promotional activities such as events, website, social media promotions, fairs and festivals, etc.
