

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.†*115
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025**

FUNDS FOR NASHIK KUMBH MELA, 2027

†*115. SHRI BHAUSAHEB RAJARAM WAKCHAURE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has allocated any funds for providing basic amenities to the tourists visiting the Kumbh Mela to be held at Nashik, Maharashtra;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has also allocated any funds for providing potable water, rest rooms and other basic facilities to the pilgrim tourists likely to visit Shirdi, Kopergaon and Shani Shingnapur in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra after the Nashik Kumbh Mela;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.†*115 ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025 REGARDING FUNDS FOR NASHIK KUMBH MELA, 2027 RAISED BY SHRI BHAUSAHEB RAJARAM WAKCHAURE.

(a) to (e): Development of tourist destinations is primarily undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry complements the efforts of States/UTs by developing tourism infrastructure through its ongoing schemes of PRASHAD and Swadesh Darshan Schemes. This is done in consultation with the State Governments/ UT Administrations.

The Ministry of Tourism has not sanctioned any infrastructure development project for the upcoming Kumbh Mela at Nashik, Maharashtra and at places such as Shirdi, Kopergaon and Shani Shingnapur in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra till date.

However, receiving proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations for financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds.

Further, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned various tourism infrastructure projects in Nashik and Ahmednagar districts of Maharashtra, the details of which is given below:

Name of Scheme	Name of the project	Sanctioned cost (Rs. in Crore)
PRASHAD	Development of Trimbakeshwar, Nashik	45.41
Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI Scheme)	Development of RAM- KAL PATH in Nashik	99.14
CBDD, a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	Development of Ahmednagar Fort	25.00

As per the information received from the State Government of Maharashtra, the tourism department under the Regional Tourism Development Scheme has accorded administrative approval for tourism development works in Kopargaon and Shirdi at a total cost of Rs.26.27 Crore.

In addition, the Nashik-Trimbakeshwar Kumbh Mela Authority (NTKMA) has been established by the Government of Maharashtra to plan, coordinate, and oversee the preparations for the upcoming Kumbh Mela 2027 in Nashik. It functions as the nodal agency responsible for ensuring smooth organisation of the Kumbh Mela.
