

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2462
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025**

**DEVELOPMENT OF HINDU AND SIKH
PILGRIMAGE SITES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH**

2462.SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of all Central schemes and budgetary allocations for development of Hindu and Sikh pilgrimage centres in Mandi, Kangra, Una, Bilaspur and Hamirpur districts of Himachal Pradesh during the last three years;**
- (b) the present status of physical works under each scheme, with timelines for completion of temple renovation, gurudwara infrastructure, approach roads, parking facilities and rest amenities and other project work;**
- (c) the details of the amounts sanctioned, district and project-wise;**
- (d) the details of engagement with local communities, faith bodies and Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation to ensure sustainable upkeep; and**
- (e) the details of the expected increase in annual pilgrim footfall and tourism revenue on completion of the projects?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism through its ongoing schemes of Swadesh Darshan and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of the State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs) by extending financial assistance to them for developing tourism related infrastructure in the country, including the State of Himachal Pradesh.

The details of the projects sanctioned in Himachal Pradesh along with their status under the Swadesh Darshan (SD), Swadesh Darshan 2.0 and Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), are given in the Annexure.

The projects under these schemes are implemented by the respective States/UTs. However, the Ministry of Tourism regularly monitors the progress of project and also encourages respective State Government/UT Administrations to complete the projects in a time bound manner.

(d) and (e): In accordance with the Scheme Guidelines respective State Government/UT administration formulates comprehensive Detailed Project Report (DPR) for projects in consultations with the respective administration, local bodies and other stakeholders. The DPR submitted to the Ministry of Tourism also incorporates sustainable operation and maintenance plans for the proposed projects.

The sustainability of the completed projects including operation and maintenance is ensured by the respective State Government/UT Administration. The infrastructure development projects of the Ministry of Tourism aims to increase the footfall and overall tourist experience, among others.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2462 ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF HINDU AND SIKH PILGRIMAGE SITES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH RAISED BY SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR****List of Sanctioned Projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Himachal Pradesh**

Sr. No.	Circuit/ Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. in Crore)	Amount Released (Rs. in Crore)	Status
1.	Himalay an Circuit 2016-17	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra, Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba	45.41	68.34	Complete

List of Sanctioned Projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 in Himachal Pradesh

Sr. No.	Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. Crore)	Amount Authorized (Rs. Crore)	Status
1.	2024-25	Development of MaaChintpurni Devi Temple, Una	56.26	5.63	Ongoing

List of Sanctioned Projects under CBDD in Himachal Pradesh

Sr. No.	Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. Crore)	Amount Authorized (Rs. Crore)	Status
1.	2024-25	Tourism Infrastructure Development at Kaza	24.82	2.48	Ongoing
2.	2024-25	Tourism Infrastructure Development at Rakchham, Chhitkul	4.96	0.50	Ongoing
