

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1548
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026**

PROJECTS UNDER SDS AND PRASHAD IN UTTAR PRADESH

1548. SHRI ATUL GARG:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the projects sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) and Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme in Uttar Pradesh;**
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to include the historic Dudheshwar Nath Temple in Ghaziabad under the spiritual circuit for infrastructure development;**
- (c) the details of the funds allocated for the development of tourist amenities in the National Capital Region (NCR);**
- (d) the details of the measures taken/being taken to promote the Buddhist circuit sites in the said State to international tourists; and**
- (e) the timeline for the completion of the ongoing tourism projects in Western Uttar Pradesh?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism through its ongoing schemes of 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)', Swadesh Darshan and 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)' – a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan, 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 Uttar Pradesh and National Capital Region (NCR).

The projects under these schemes are implemented by the respective States/UTs. However, the Ministry of Tourism regularly monitors the progress of the projects and also encourages respective

State Government/ UT Administrations to complete the projects in a time bound manner.

The details of the projects sanctioned in Uttar Pradesh and National Capital Region (NCR) along with their status under the Schemes of PRASHAD, Swadesh Darshan (SD), Swadesh Darshan 2.0 and Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), are given in the Annexure.

No proposal is under consideration of the Ministry of Tourism for development of historic Dudheshwar Nath Temple in Ghaziabad. 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.

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

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1548 ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026 REGARDING PROJECTS UNDER SDS AND PRASHAD IN UTTAR PRADESH BY SHRI ATUL GARG****List of projects sanctioned in Uttar Pradesh and NCR under PRASHAD Scheme**

Sr. No	State	Name of the Project	Sanction Year	Amount Sanctioned (₹ in Crore)
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi – Phase –I	2015-16	18.73
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98
3.	Uttar Pradesh	River Cruise Tourism in Ganga, Varanasi	2017-18	9.02
4.	Uttar Pradesh	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan	2014-15	9.36
5.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi – Phase –II	2017-18	44.60
6.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	2018-19	37.59

List of projects sanctioned in Uttar Pradesh and NCR under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

Sr. no.	State/UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (₹ in Crore)
1.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Spiritual Circuit– 'Development of Churu (Salasar Balaji)-Jaipur (Shri Samodke	87.05

			Balaji, Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)-Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) - Mehndipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)	
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sravasti, Kushinagar, &Kapilwastu	87.89
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45
4.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh-Kausambi-Mirzapur-Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj-Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-Kairana- Baghpat-Shahjahanpur	71.91
5.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Bijnor-Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur-Salempur- Ghosi- Balia-Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh-Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba-Sonbhadra- Chandauli-Mishrikh- Bhadohi	67.51
6.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mahuar shaheed Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)	36.65
7.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21

8.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda	12.03
9.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	18.30

List of projects sanctioned in Uttar Pradesh and NCR under Swadesh Darshan 2.0

Sr. no.	State	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Year	Sanctioned Cost (₹ in Crore)
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Naimisaranya	Vedic-wellness Experience	2023-24 (Rev March 2025)	17.80
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Prayagraj	Azad Park and Dekho Prayagraj Trail Experience	2023-24 (Rev March 2025)	14.52

List of projects sanctioned in Uttar Pradesh and NCR under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)

State	Destination/ Category	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Year	Sanctioned Cost (₹ in Crore)
Uttar Pradesh	Mahoba (Culture & Heritage)	Development of Cultural Landscape at Mahoba	2024-25	24.98
