

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3857  
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2026**

**DEVELOPMENT OF MAIHAR AND CHITRAKOOT DHAM**

**†3857. SHRI GANESH SINGH:**

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

- (a) the details of the plans/schemes sanctioned or proposed by the Government under the sustainable and destination-centric vision of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 to develop Maihar Devi Temple and Chitrakoot Dham in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh as spiritual and cultural tourism circuits;**
- (b) whether the Maihar-Chitrakoot region is being considered to include under the Spiritual Tourism category of the 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), sub-scheme to strengthen connectivity, amenities, visitor experience and local employment;**
- (c) whether any new projects are being proposed for infrastructure, crowd management, sanitation and devotee facilities in Maihar and Chitrakoot Dham within the Satna Lok Sabha Constituency under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (d): Development of tourism infrastructure, amenities and experiences at different destinations is primarily done by the concerned State Government (SG)/UT Administration (UTA). However, Ministry of Tourism under its various schemes including 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)', 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)' and 'Challenge Based Destination Development – CBDD' (an initiative under Swadesh Darshan scheme) and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' provides financial assistance for development of tourism infrastructure and experiences in the country, on**

**receipt of the project proposals from State Governments/UT Administrations, in synergy with the scheme guidelines, Government directions, availability of funds, inter-se priority etc.**

**In addition, Government of India in 2024-25 under Special assistance to States for capital investment scheme (SASCI)- Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale, sanctioned the project 'Orchha A Medieval Splendour' for ₹99.92 Crore and 'International Convention Centre for MICE in Bhopal' for ₹99.38 Crore in the State of Madhya Pradesh.**

**While there is no tourism project presently envisaged for sanctioning at Maihar and Chitrakoot under PRASHAD scheme, the Ministry has already sanctioned 1 project at Chitrakoot in Madhya Pradesh under its SD2.0 scheme.**

**Details of projects sanctioned under SD, SD 2.0, CBDD and PRASHAD schemes in the State of Madhya Pradesh including Chitrakoot is annexed.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3857 ANSWERED ON 16.03.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF MAIHAR AND CHITRAKOOT DHAM RAISED BY SHRI GANESH SINGH****Details of projects sanctioned under SD, SD 2.0, CBDD and PRASHAD schemes in the State of Madhya Pradesh:**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Year of Sanction</b>	<b>Sanction Amount (₹ In Crore)</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>SD1.0</b>	<b>Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna- Mukundpur- Sanjay- Dubri- Bandhavgarh- Kanha- Mukki- Pench</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>92.10</b>
<b>2.</b>		<b>Development of Sanchi-Satna-Rewa- Mandsaur-Dhar</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>74.02</b>
<b>3.</b>		<b>Development of Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>89.82</b>
<b>4.</b>		<b>Development of Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>93.76</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>SD2.0</b>	<b>Spiritual experience at Chitrakoot</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>27.22</b>
<b>6.</b>		<b>Phoolbagh Experience Zone, Gwalior</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>16.74</b>
<b>7.</b>		<b>Development of Pitambara Peeth, Datia</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>44.24</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>CBDD</b>	<b>Orchha A Medieval Splendour 2.0</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>9.</b>		<b>Mandu-A Medieval Wonder</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>24.88</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>PRASHAD</b>	<b>Development of Amarkantak</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>49.99</b>
<b>11.</b>		<b>Development of Omkareshwar</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>43.93</b>

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