

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1898**  
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023

**EFFECTS AND EXTENT OF THE PRASHAD SCHEME**

1898 SHRI KARTIKEYA SHARMA:

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

- (a) the number of pilgrimage centres that have been developed and opened for devotees/tourists under the PRASHAD Scheme so far;
- (b) whether there has been an increase in the number of devotees/tourists at the sites developed under this Scheme;
- (c) if so, the number of pilgrims/tourists visited these places in the last three years, year-wise;
- (d) whether any sites in the State of Haryana have been proposed to be included in this Scheme, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): Ministry of Tourism has approved a total number of 45 projects under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) Scheme in the country out of which physical execution of 21 projects are complete.

(b) & (c): Ministry of Tourism does not maintain destination/site wise data on tourists, however, data on State-wise Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits in the country during 2019-2021 is annexed.

(d) & (e): Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country including Haryana, under its ongoing schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) and 'Assistance to Central Agencies'. Submission of proposals and sanctioning of projects under the above mentioned schemes are a continuous process which is subject to availability of funds, receipt of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines, performance of ongoing projects and utilization of funds released earlier etc. This Ministry has already sanctioned a project 'Development of Nada Saheb Gurudwara and Mata Mansha Devi Temple' in Panchkula District Haryana under PRASHAD scheme for Rs. 49.52 Crore in the year 2019-20 which is under implementation.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1898 ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023 REGARDING EFFECTS AND EXTENT OF THE PRASHAD SCHEME.**

**Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits during Year 2019-2021**

S. No.	State/ UT	2019		2020		2021	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	505398	16206	191207	5412	126238	1687
2	Andhra Pradesh	237051508	280356	70828590	67591	93277569	27551
3	Arunachal Pradesh	555639	7825	42871	961	102915	182
4	Assam	5447805	26878	1266898	7285	1409161	536
5	Bihar	33990038	1093141	5638024	308080	2501193	1046
6	Chandigarh	1563795	44132	417953	12218	228809	5451
7	Chhattisgarh	17304506	6817	2810227	2322	4747417	8
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	618330	1666	104959	222	197802	80
9	Daman & Diu	897804	5703	297436	1382	463420	105
10	Delhi*	36467598	2983436	9583671	681230	10642477	100178
11	Goa	7127287	937113	3258715	302751	3308089	22128
12	Gujarat	58864661	595607	19464517	210047	24525210	11319
13	Haryana	4549017	48046	2114731	17474	2025450	4578
14	Himachal Pradesh	16829231	382876	3170714	42665	5632270	4932
15	Jammu & Kashmir	16163330	57920	2519524	5317	11314920	1650
16	Jharkhand	35580768	176043	2574704	490	3383642	1637
17	Karnataka	227934714	608754	77453339	165325	81333659	72487
18	Kerala	18384233	1189771	4988972	340755	7537617	60487
19	Lakshadweep	6985	820	3462	413	13500	4
20	Madhya Pradesh	88707139	327958	23519632	99819	25554067	41601
21	Maharashtra*	149294703	5528704	39234591	1262409	43569238	185643
22	Manipur	167560	13608	49669	3139	49371	648
23	Meghalaya	1245633	25813	24734	2311	154409	411
24	Mizoram	163762	2249	30890	265	87232	234
25	Nagaland	125949	5577	10979	518	23968	325
26	Odisha	15307637	115128	4622273	10206	3742221	2269
27	Puducherry	1713248	149919	1114942	92080	1253213	321
28	Punjab	47385387	1101343	16692197	359114	26640429	308135
29	Rajasthan	52220431	1605560	15117239	446457	21988734	34806
30	Sikkim	1421823	133388	316408	19935	511669	11508
31	Tamil Nadu	494865257	6866327	140651241	1228323	115336719	57622
32	Tripura	437201	154405	127815	31877	177816	5
33	Telangana	83035894	323326	39997001	46694	32000620	5917
34	Uttar Pradesh	535855162	4745181	86122293	890932	109708435	44737

35	Uttarakhand	37585920	152273	7005264	41339	19434475	8532
36	West Bengal	92366025	1656145	28841732	463285	24325984	34828
37	Ladakh	241285	38652	6743	1126	303023	1054
	Total	2321982663	31408666	610216157	7171769	677632981	1054642
	<b>Source: State/Union Territory Tourism Departments,</b>						

\*: Data for 2020 & 2021 is estimated by applying all India growth rate for 2020/19 on 2019 data and 2021/20 on 2020 data.

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