

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1899
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023

DWADASHA JYOTIRLINGA TOURIST CIRCUIT

1899 SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:

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

- (a) whether Government is promoting the Dwadasha Jyotirlinga (Twelve Sacred Abode of Lord Shiva) viz., Somnath-Gujarat, Mallikarjuna-Shrishailla, Andhra Pradesh, Mahakal-Ujjain, Omkareshwar- Madhya Pradesh, Vaidyanath- Parli-Jharkhand, Bhimashankar-Pune, Rameshwara-Rameshwaram, Nageshwara-Dwaraka-Gujarat, Vishweshwara-Varanasi, Triyambakeshwara-Nasik, Kedarnath-Kedarnath-Uttarakhand, Grishneshwara Aurangabad;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) the ranking of the above places in terms of tourists, both local and foreign, for the year 2022?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): Ministry of Tourism, inter-alia, promotes tourist destinations of India, including the Dwadasha Jyotirlinga, in a holistic manner. It undertakes promotional campaigns in domestic and global markets through electronic, print and digital media to promote the various tourist destinations and products of the country. Further promotions are also undertaken through the official web-site as well as through social media handles of the Ministry.

(b): Further, Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance under the 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' Scheme with the objective of integrated development of identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations in consultation with the respective State Government/Union Territories (UTs). The identification of sites is mainly the prerogative of the State Governments/UT Administrations. The projects are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to Scheme guidelines, utilization of funds released earlier, etc. The details of funds sanctioned for the integrated development of identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations under the PRASHAD Scheme are given in Annexure.

(c): The ranking of destinations is however not maintained by Ministry of Tourism.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1899 ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023 REGARDING DWADASHA JYOTIRLINGA TOURIST CIRCUIT

DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED BY MINISTRY OF TOURISM INCLUDING ON DWADASHA JYOTIRLINGA UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME

(Rs in crore)

Sr. No.	State/UTs	#	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Approved cost
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	1.	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination**	2015-16	27.77
		2.	Development of Srisailem Temple**	2017-18	43.08
		3.	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam	2022-23	54.04
2.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	4.	Development of Parasuram Kund, Lohit Distt.	2020-21	37.88
3.	ASSAM	5.	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati**	2015-16	29.80
4.	BIHAR	6.	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar**	2014-15	4.27
		7.	Development at Patna Sahib**	2015-16	41.54
5.	CHHATTISGARH	8.	Development of Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple, Rajnandgaon, Dongargarh, Chhattisgarh	2020-21	43.33
6.	GUJARAT	9.	Development of Dwarka**	2016-17	13.08
		10.	Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath**	2016-17	45.36
		11.	Development of Promenade at Somnath under PRASHAD Scheme**	2018-19	47.12
		12.	Development of Pilgrim Plaza with Queue Management Complex at Somnath Gujarat	2021-22	49.97
		13.	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Ambaji Temple of Banaskantha, Gujarat	2022-23	50.00
7.	HARYANA	14.	Development of Nada Saheb Gurudwara and Mata Mansha Devi Temple in Panchkula District	2019-20	49.52
8.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	15.	Development at Hazratbal,	2016-17	40.46
9.	JHARKHAND	16.	Development of Baidyanathji Dham, Deoghar**	2018-19	39.13
10.	KERALA	17.	Development at Guruvayur	2016-17	45.19

			Temple**		
	MADHYA	18.	Development of Omkareshwar**	2017-18	43.93
11.	PRADESH	19.	Development of Amarkantak	2020-21	49.99
12.	MAHARASHTRA	20.	Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	52.92
13.	MEGHALAYA	21.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya	2020-21	29.32
14.	MIZORAM	22.	Development of infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism in the State of Mizoram under PRASHAD Scheme	2022-23	44.88
15.	NAGALAND	23.	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland	2018-19	25.26
		24.	Development of Pilgrimage and Tourism infrastructure at Zunheboto, Nagaland under PRASHAD Scheme	2022-23	18.18
16.	ODISHA	25.	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham – Ramachandi - Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit##	2014-15	50.00
17.	PUNJAB	26.	Development of KarunaSagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar **	2015-16	6.40
		27.	Development of Chamkaur Sahib at Rupar, Punjab under PRASHAD Scheme	2021-22	31.57
18.	RAJASTHAN	28.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64
19.	SIKKIM	29.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32
20.	TAMILNADU	30.	Development of Kanchipuram**	2016-17	13.99
		31.	Development of Vellankani**	2016-17	4.86
21.	TELANGANA	32.	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple, Alampur	2020-21	36.73
		33.	Development of pilgrimage infrastructure at Bhadrachalam, Bhadadri Kottagudam Distt of Telangana	2022-23	41.38
		34.	Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism infrastructure at Rudreshwar (Ramappa) Temple, Mulugu	2022-23	62.00
22.	TRIPURA	35.	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple, Udaipur	2020-21	37.80
23.	UTTARAKHAND	36.	Integrated Development of Kedarnath**	2015-16	34.77
		37.	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham (Uttarakhand) under PRASHAD Scheme	2018-19	56.13

		38.	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities and Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham in Uttarakhand under PRASHAD Scheme	2021-22	54.36
24.	UTTAR PRADESH	39.	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)**	2014-15	10.98
		40.	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura**	2014-15	9.36
		41.	Development of Varanasi –Phase – I**	2015-16	20.40
		42.	Cruise Tourism in River Ganga, Varanasi**	2017-18	9.02
		43.	Development of Varanasi Under Prashad Scheme – Phase II	2017-18	44.60
		44.	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan, Mathura, UP	2018-19	39.74
25.	WEST BENGAL	45.	Development of Belur	2016-17	30.03

** Projects completed
