

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2220
ANSWERED ON 21.12.2023

PROMOTING RELIGIOUS TOURISM IN PUNJAB

2220 SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH:

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

- (a) the details of measures being taken by Government to promote religious tourism in the State of Punjab;
- (b) the progress made in this regard;
- (c) the total number of sites in Punjab included under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme; and
- (d) the measures proposed to be taken by Government for development of these sites?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Tourism inter-alia, promotes India, as a holistic tourist destination, including religious sites of Punjab. Promotions are also undertaken for highlighting the different tourism products and themes, including religious tourism. Further tourist destinations are also amplified through the official web-site as well as through the social media handles of the Ministry. The Ministry under 'Swadesh Darshan' (SD), 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) and Assistance to Central Agencies Schemes, provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for infrastructure development at tourist destinations including religious sites across the country including Punjab. The list of projects sanctioned for development by Ministry of Tourism under the above mentioned schemes in Punjab is annexed. In addition, under SD2.0, Amritsar & Kapurthala and under PRASHAD, Durgyana Temple, Amritsar are the new sites identified for development by the Ministry.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2220 ANSWERED ON 21.12.2023 REGARDING PROMOTING RELIGIOUS TOURISM IN PUNJAB BY SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH.

(Rs. in Crore)

| Scheme Name | Sr. No. | Name of the project | Sanction Year | Amount Sanctioned |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---|----------------------|--------------------------|
| PRASHAD | 1. | Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar | 2015-16 | 6.40 |
| | 2. | Development of Chamkaur Sahib at Rupar | 2021-22 | 31.57 |
| Swadesh Darshan | 3. | Development of Anandpur Sahib - Fatehgarh Sahib - Chamkaur Sahib - Ferozpur - Khatkar Kalan - Kalanour - Patiala | 2018-19 | 85.32 |
| Assistance to Central Agencies | 4. | Infrastructural Development at JCP Attari | 2017-18 | 13.12 |
| | 5. | Restoration/ Renovation of 'Jallianwala Bagh Memorial' & Additional work to be taken at Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial at Amritsar, Punjab. | 2018-19 | 23.02 |
