

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 456#
ANSWERED ON 25.07.2024

**RENOVATION OF TEMPLES AND DEVELOPMENT
OF OTHER TOURIST PLACES IN JHARKHAND**

456# SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:

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

- (a) the amount allocated by Government to Jharkhand Government for the renovation of Baidyanath Dham Temple, Rajrappa Temple, Pahari Temple (Ranchi), Bhadrakali Temple, Jagannathpur Temple (Ranchi) and development of other tourist places situated at Deoghar in Jharkhand during the last three years;
- (b) the amount utilized by State Government out of the allocated funds, year-wise/temple-wise/location-wise;
- (c) whether State Government is not spending or underspending the allocated funds, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government proposes to seek any utilization certificate from Jharkhand Government regarding expenditure related to renovation of these temples; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism launched the PRASAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive) Scheme in 2014-15 with the objective of developing infrastructure at pre-identified religious and heritage sites across the country. Under the Scheme, the Ministry provides financial assistance to State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for the development of tourism infrastructure at these sites. The Ministry has sanctioned 46 projects at a cost of Rs.1621.14 crore under the PRASAD Scheme and 29 sites are also identified for development under the PRASHAD Scheme.

A project named "Development of Baba Baidya Nath Dham, Deoghar, Jharkhand" was sanctioned at a cost of Rs.36.79 crore, and Rs.34.95 crore was released for it. The project is physically completed, and Utilization Certificate (UC) for Rs.31.23 crore has been received from the State Government.

Another project, "Development of Eco-Tourism Circuit: Dalma-Betla National Park-Mirchaiya-Netarhat," was sanctioned at a cost of Rs.30.44 crore in Jharkhand under the Swadesh Darshan scheme. An amount of Rs.28.04 crore was released, and the project is physically completed.

Additionally, a destination named Chandil has been identified for development in Jharkhand under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme, and a destination named Ramrekha Dam has also been identified under the 'Challenge-Based Destination Development,' a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0.
