

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.157#
ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025

MEMORIALS OF BHAGAT SINGH, RAJGURU AND SUKHDEV

157# SHRI SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the samadhi of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru is located at Hussainiwala village in Ferozpur district, Punjab, where the British had illegally cremated their bodies after hanging them;
- (b) if so, the details of steps taken by the Central Government to develop these places as a memorial and tourist destination during the last three years and the quantum of funds provided therefor;
- (c) if not, whether Government has any plan to develop this site as a national memorial and tourist destination; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IS REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.157# ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025 REGARDING MEMORIALS OF BHAGAT SINGH, RAJGURU AND SUKHDEV RAISED BY SHRI SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK

(a) Yes.

(b) to (d): Development of tourism destinations is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government/UT Administration. However the Ministry of Tourism through its 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' schemes complements these efforts by providing financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations for undertaking tourism related projects at various tourist places. The Ministry as part of 'Challenge Based Destination Development', a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan scheme has identified Ferozpur (Hussainiwala Border) as destination for development under culture and heritage category. Post receipt of the project proposal from the State Government, the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) has now approved the project 'Cultural & Heritage Stretch, A symbol of Peace and Harmony at Hussainiwala Border' in Punjab for Rs.24.99 Crore. The project aims at preserving the historical legacy and cultural identity of the place and is designed to honour the sacrifices of freedom fighters like Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev.

In addition, the Government of India under its 'Special assistance to States for capital investment (SASCI) - Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale to the State Governments' scheme in the current financial year has also approved the project 'Heritage Street as a tribute to Shaheed-e-Azam, Sardar Bhagat Singh at Khatkar Kalan, SBS Nagar' in Punjab for Rs.53.45 Crore.
