

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.165#
ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025

PILGRIMAGE SITES IDENTIFIED UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME IN RAJASTHAN

165# SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

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

- (a) the number of pilgrimage sites constructed by Government under the PRASHAD scheme in the country;
- (b) the amount allocated and utilized for the development of each pilgrimage site, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the pilgrimage sites not included in this scheme, the details thereof;
- (d) the sites identified by Government under the PRASHAD scheme in Rajasthan and the amount sanctioned for them, the details thereof; and
- (e) the status of completion of work under the said scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.165# ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025 REGARDING PILGRIMAGE SITES IDENTIFIED UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME IN RAJASTHAN RAISED BY SHRI NEERAJ DANGI

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism under the “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive” (PRASHAD) provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure at identified pilgrimage destinations. The Ministry has sanctioned 48 projects at a cost of Rs.1620.21 crore under the PRASHAD Scheme till date.

The details of the amount allocated and utilized for each project is given in the Annexure-I.

(c): Receiving proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations for financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds.

(d): The details of the sites identified/ sanctioned by Government under the PRASHAD scheme in Rajasthan is given in the Annexure-II.

(e): Under the PRASHAD Scheme, out of the 48 sanctioned projects, 27 have been physically completed, the details of which is given in the Annexure-III.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.165# ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025 REGARDING PILGRIMAGE SITES IDENTIFIED UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME IN RAJASTHAN RAISED BY SHRI NEERAJ DANGI

Project-wise Status of total fund allocation, Release and Utilization:

S no.	State	Project Name	Sanction year	Approved Cost (INR Crore)	Amount Released (INR Crore)	Utilization Certificate submitted by State against released funds (INR Crore)
1	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	2015-16	27.77	27.77	27.77
2	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Srisailam Temple	2017-18	43.08	43.08	43.08
3	Andhra Pradesh	Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam Temple	2022-23	54.04	13.69	13.69
4	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town	2024-25	25.33	0.00	0.00
5	Arunachal Pradesh	Development of Parshuram Kund, Lohit Distt.	2020-21	37.88	31.02	21.95
6	Assam	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	2015-16	29.80	29.80	29.80
7	Bihar	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62	29.62	29.62
8	Bihar	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	2014-15	3.63	3.63	3.63
9	Chhattisgarh	Development of Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple, Dongargarh, Rajnandgaon District, Chhattisgarh	2020-21	48.44	40.19	31.94
10	Goa	Development of Bom Jesus Basilica	2024-25	16.46	0.00	0.00
11	Gujarat	Development of Dwarka	2016-17	10.46	10.46	10.46

12	Gujarat	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	2016-17	45.36	45.36	45.36
13	Gujarat	Development of Promenade at Somnath	2018-19	47.12	47.12	47.12
14	Gujarat	Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple, Banaskantha, Gujarat	2022-23	50.00	10.54	10.54
15	Haryana	Development of Mata Mansa Devi Temple and Nada Saheb Gurudwara in Panchkula District	2019-20	48.53	34.68	34.68
16	Jammu & Kashmir	Development at Hazratbal Shrine, Srinagar	2016-17	40.46	34.30	34.30
17	Jharkhand	Development of Baba Baidyanath Dham, Deoghar	2018-19	36.79	34.95	31.23
18	Karnataka	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple, Mysuru	2023-24	45.71	0.00	0.00
19	Kerala	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	45.19	45.19	45.19
20	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Amarkantak	2020-21	49.99	34.73	34.63
21	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	43.93	43.93	43.93
22	Maharashtra	Development of Trimbakeshwar, Nashik	2017-18	45.41	29.93	29.78
23	Meghalaya	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya	2020-21	29.29	27.78	24.92
24	Mizoram	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism in the State of Mizoram	2022-23	44.89	13.18	13.18
25	Nagaland	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland	2018-19	25.20	23.56	21.33
26	Nagaland	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto	2022-23	18.18	15.45	10.91
27	Odisha	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham - Ramachandi - Prachi River front at Demuli	2014-15	50.00	10.00	0.00

		under Mega Circuit				
28	Punjab	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	2015-16	6.40	6.40	6.40
29	Punjab	Development of Chamkaur Sahib at Rupar, Punjab	2021-22	31.57	17.49	17.49
30	Rajasthan	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64	26.11	26.11
31	Rajasthan	Development at Shri Karni Mata Temple, Bikaner	2024-25	22.58	0.00	0.00
32	Sikkim	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32	28.31	28.31
33	Tamil Nadu	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99	13.99	13.99
34	Tamil Nadu	Development of Velankanni	2016-17	4.86	4.86	4.86
35	Telangana	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple, Alampur	2020-21	38.90	33.07	23.34
36	Telangana	Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Mulugu	2022-23	62.00	32.73	12.65
37	Telangana	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam, Bhadradri Kothagudem District	2022-23	41.38	8.43	2.12
38	Tripura	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple, Udaipur	2020-21	34.43	28.01	25.63
39	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi – Phase –I	2015-16	18.73	18.73	18.73
40	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98	10.98	10.98
41	Uttar Pradesh	River Cruise Tourism in Ganga, Varanasi	2017-18	9.02	9.02	9.02
42	Uttar Pradesh	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan	2014-15	9.36	9.36	9.36
43	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi – Phase –II	2017-18	44.60	31.77	31.77
44	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Infrastructure facilities	2018-19	37.59	30.97	30.73

		at Govardhan				
45	Uttarakhand	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.77	34.77	34.77
46	Uttarakhand	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham	2018-19	56.15	38.38	27.43
47	Uttarakhand	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities and Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham	2021-22	54.36	10.22	10.22
48	West Bengal	Development of Belur Math	2016-17	30.03	23.39	23.39

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.165# ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025 REGARDING PILGRIMAGE SITES IDENTIFIED UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME IN RAJASTHAN RAISED BY SHRI NEERAJ DANGI

List of Projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Rajasthan:

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Physical Progress %	Financial Progress %
1.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64	26.11	100%	80%
2.	Development at Shri Karni Mata Temple, Bikaner	2024-25	22.58	The project was sanctioned in March 2025		

List of Sites Identified under the PRASHAD Scheme in Rajasthan:

1.	Sun Temple, Budhahita, Kota District
2.	Malaseri Dungri (Approved by CSMC)

ANNEXURE-III

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.165# ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025 REGARDING PILGRIMAGE SITES IDENTIFIED UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME IN RAJASTHAN RAISED BY SHRI NEERAJ DANGI

List of Completed projects under PRASHAD Scheme

(In Rs. Crore)

State/ UT	S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released
Andhra Pradesh	1	Development of Pilgrim Amenities at Amaravati	2015-16	27.77	27.77
	2	Development of Srisailam Temple	2017-18	43.08	43.08
Assam	3	Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Kamakhya Temple	2015-16	29.80	29.80
Bihar	4	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62	29.62
	5	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple	2014-15	3.63	3.63
Gujarat	6	Development of Dwarka	2016-17	10.46	10.46
	7	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	2016-17	45.36	45.36
	8	Development of Promenade at Somnath	2018-19	47.12	47.12
Jammu and Kashmir	9	Development at Hazratbal Shrine	2016-17	40.46	34.30
Jharkhand	10	Development of Baba Baidya Nath Dham	2018-19	36.79	34.95
Kerala	11	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	45.19	45.19
Madhya Pradesh	12	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	43.93	43.93
Meghalaya	13	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Nongswalia Church, Nartiang Shakti Peeth, Aitnar Pool and Charantala Kali Temple	2020-21	29.29	27.78
Nagaland	14	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Molungkimong, Noksen Church, Aizuto, Wokha and Kohima	2018-19	25.20	23.56
Punjab	15	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	2015-16	6.40	6.40
Rajasthan	16	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64	26.11
Tamil Nadu	17	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99	13.99
	18	Development of Velankanni	2016-17	4.86	4.86
Uttar Pradesh	19	Development of Varanasi –Phase –I	2015-16	18.73	18.73
	20	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98	10.98
	21	Development of River Cruise Tourism at Varanasi	2017-18	9.02	9.02
	22	Construction of Tourist Facilitation	2014-15	9.36	9.36

		Centre at Vrindavan			
	23	Development of Varanasi – Phase II	2017-18	44.60	31.77
	24	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	2018-19	37.59	30.97
Uttarakhand	25	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.77	34.77
	26	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities at Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham	2021-22	54.36	10.22
West Bengal	27	Development of Belur Math	2016-17	30.03	23.39
