

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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ROPEWAY PROJECTS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

2213 SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN:

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

- (a) the details of ropeway projects proposed or sanctioned in Himachal Pradesh under the National Ropeways Development Programme (Parvatmala);
- (b) the details of funds allocated and released for these projects, year-wise;
- (c) whether any proposal(s) from Himachal Pradesh under Parvatmala is/are pending with the Central Government and if so, the details and current status thereof; and
- (d) the reasons for delay, if any, in according approval/completion and the corrective measures being taken?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): National Ropeways Development Programme (Parvatmala) is not administered by the Ministry of Tourism. Further, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has informed that the development of transportation infrastructure, including ropeways, is a continuous process. The Government receives proposals from various State Governments from time to time, including Himachal Pradesh. Decisions are taken based on the techno-financial outcome of the Detailed Project Report (DPR), fulfilment of the requisite criteria, requirement of connectivity, and inter-se priority.

The Government of India announced the National Ropeways Development Programme – Parvatmala Pariyojana in the Union Budget 2022-23 to improve last-mile connectivity in hilly regions, as an ecologically sustainable alternative to conventional roads in difficult terrain, besides promoting tourism.

Under this programme, one ropeway project has been approved in Himachal Pradesh, namely the Bijli Mahadev Ropeway, Kullu district, having a length of 2.32 km and a total capital cost of 226.02 crore, on Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM). The project was approved in January 2024 and has been awarded. Forest Clearance for the project has already been obtained.

Project execution activities have been suspended since July 2025 on account of protests by local residents citing concerns relating to the cultural and historical significance and sanctity of the Bijli Mahadev Temple.
