

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2219
ANSWERED ON 06.08.2026

TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN PUNJAB

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

- (a) whether Government has reviewed the progress of tourism infrastructure projects being implemented in Punjab under Swadesh Darshan 2.0, PRASHAD, the Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) sub-scheme and the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale Scheme;
- (b) the project-wise details of proposals submitted by the State Government, indicating their present status and funds sanctioned, released and utilised;
- (c) whether Government has considered developing an Integrated Sikh Heritage Circuit covering Sri Harmandir Sahib, Anandpur Sahib, Fatehgarh Sahib, Chamkaur Sahib, Khatkar Kalan and Hussainiwala; and
- (d) if so, details of assistance proposed therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and tourism products, including heritage destination is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG) /Union Territory Administration (UTA). However, the Ministry through its existing schemes of ‘Swadesh Darshan (SD)’, ‘Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)’, ‘Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)’ – a sub-scheme of SD2.0, and ‘Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations including Punjab; subject to adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) by them, availability of funds, Government directions, inter-se priority etc.

Further, the Ministry of Tourism regularly monitors progress of its ongoing sanctioned projects in the country including those in the state of Punjab, through review meetings with SGs/ UTAs, held at various levels from time to time. Ministry of Tourism has also developed a Program Management Information System (PMIS) to monitor the progress of projects.

In addition, Government of India under its initiative for ‘Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale’ scheme, has also provided financial assistance in the year 2024-25 to the States for development of tourism projects.

Ministry under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme sanctioned the project “Development of Anandpur Sahib - Fatehgarh Sahib –Chamkaur Sahib - Ferozpur-Khatkar Kalan–Kalanour- Patiala” in the year 2018-19 under Heritage Circuit theme for Rs. 85.32 crore which is reported as physically complete. Further, this scheme was revamped as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 adopting a destination-centric approach.

Sanctioning of project under the above-mentioned schemes is a continuous process. The details of the projects sanctioned under SD2.0, CBDD, SASCI and PRASHAD schemes in the State of Punjab, along with funds sanctioned, released/authorized and their present implementation status are annexed.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2219 ANSWERED ON 06.08.2026 REGARDING TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN PUNJAB RAISED BY DR.VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY

(i) Details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan2.0 Scheme in the State of Punjab:

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

S No.	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanction Year	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Authorized for Utilization	Physical Status
1.	Amritsar	Border Tourism Experience at Attari	2024-25	25.91	2.59	Implementation Stage
2.	Kapurthala	Eco-Tourism experience at Kanjli wetland	2023-24	19.56	1.96	Implementation Stage

(ii) Details of the projects sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) in the State of Punjab:

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

S. No.	Destination /Category	Name of the Experience	Sanction Year	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Authorized for Utilization	Physical Status
1.	Rupnagar (Anandpur Sahib) (Spiritual Tourism)	Heritage Street-A Symbol of Peace and Harmony at Sri Anandpur Sahib	2024-25	24.90	2.49	Implementation Stage
2.	Ferozpur (Hussainiwala Border)-(Culture & Heritage)	Cultural and Heritage Strech at Hussainiwala Border	2024-25	25.00	2.50	Implementation Stage

(iii) Details of the projects sanctioned under SASCI Scheme in the State of Punjab:

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

S. No.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Released for Utilization	Physical Status
1.	2024-25	Development of Heritage Street as a tribute to Shaheed-e-Azam, Sardar Bhaghat Singh at Khatkar Kalan in SBS Nagar	53.45	35.27	Implementation Stage

(iv) Details of the projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in the State of Punjab:

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

S. No.	Sanction Year	Project Name	Sanction Amount	Amount Released/ Authorized	Amount Utilized	Physical Status
1.	2015-16	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	6.40	6.40	6.40	Completed
2.	2021-22	Development of Chamkaur Sahib at Rupar, Punjab	30.52	23.80	23.80	Implementation Stage
