

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 860
ANSWERED ON 27/07/2026**

URBAN DEVELOPMENT OF HERITAGE CITIES IN ASSAM

860. SHRI JOGEN MOHAN:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to support the sustainable urban development of heritage cities and towns in the State of Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Sivasagar and Majuli have been considered under any such initiative; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)**

(a) to (d): No. The Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY), a Central Sector Scheme (CSS) under Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) was launched in January 21, 2015 to rejuvenate the soul of Heritage Cities. It was implemented in 12 cities of India namely Ajmer (Rajasthan), Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh), Amritsar (Punjab), Badami (Karnataka), Dwarka (Gujarat), Gaya (Bihar), Kancheepuram and Velankanni (Tamil Nadu), Mathura and Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Puri (Odisha), and Warangal (Telangana). The scheme was concluded on March 31, 2019 and with the discontinuation of the HRIDAY scheme, its heritage-related components were integrated into the Ministry of Tourism's PRASAD Scheme which was renamed as the National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD). No new project for rejuvenating Heritage Cities has been undertaken by the MoHUA under HRIDAY Scheme, after this date.

Further, the development of tourism infrastructure at tourist destinations, including heritage cities, is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments (SGs) and Union Territory Administrations (UTAs). Ministry of Tourism, under its "Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive" (PRASHAD) scheme, provides financial assistance to State Governments and Union Territories administrations for the development of tourism-related infrastructure at identified religious and heritage sites across the country, including the State of Assam. Under the PRASHAD Scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the project "Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati" at a cost of Rs. 29.80 Crore and the project stands completed.
