

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2126
ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018**

PROJECTS UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME

2126. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is progressing with the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the list of sites under PRASHAD since its inception, State-wise;**
- (d) the details of projects/activities proposed under the scheme; and**
- (e) whether it aims at integrated development of pilgrimage destinations in planned, prioritized and sustainable manner to provide complete religious tourism experience and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)

(a) to (e): 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Augmentation Drive' (PRASAD) has been launched by the Ministry of Tourism with the objective of integrated development of identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations in the country. The scheme aims at infrastructure development such as development/up gradation of destination entry points viz. passenger terminals (of road, rail and water transport), basic conveniences like tourism Information/Interpretation Centers with ATM/Money exchange counters, improvement of road connectivity (last mile connectivity), procurement of equipment for eco-friendly modes of transport and equipment for tourist activities such as Light & Sound Show, water/adventure sports, renewable sources of energy for tourist

infrastructure, parking facilities, toilets, cloak room facilities, waiting rooms, construction of craft haats/bazars/souvenir shops/cafeteria, rain shelters, watch towers, first aid centers, improvement in communication through establishing telephone booths, mobile services, internet connectivity, Wi-Fi hotspot. In addition, Shoreline development & rejuvenation of natural water bodies have also been included. In view of the decision taken by the Government for closure of HRIDAY scheme of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and for inclusion of projects for development of Heritage destinations in PRASAD Scheme, the scheme guidelines have been modified and the nomenclature of the scheme has also been changed from PRASAD to “National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)” in October 2017.

The total number of sites identified for development under the scheme at present are 41 in 25 states. They are Amaravati and Srisailam (Andhra Pradesh), Kamakhya (Assam), Parasuram Kund (Lohit District, Arunachal Pradesh), Patna and Gaya (Bihar), Balmeshwari Devi Temple (Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh), Dwarka and Somnath (Gujarat), Gurudwara Nada Saheb, Panchkula (Haryana), Maa Chintpurni (Una, Himachal Pradesh), Hazratbal and Katra (Jammu & Kashmir), Deogarh and Parasnath (Jharkhand), Chamundeshwari Devi, Mysuru (Karnataka), Guruvayoor, St. Thomas International Shrine, (Malayattoor), Cheraman Juma Mosque (Thrissur, Kerala), Omkareshwar and Amarkantak (Madhya Pradesh), Babedpara, West Jaintia Hills and Sohra (Meghalaya), Aizwal (Mizoram), Kohima and Mokokchung Districts (Nagaland), Trimbakeshwar (Maharashtra), Puri (Odisha), Amritsar (Punjab), Ajmer (Rajasthan), Kanchipuram and Vellankani (Tamil Nadu), Tripura Sundari (Tripura), Varanasi, and Mathura (Uttar Pradesh), Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri (Uttarakhand) and Belur (West Bengal).

Till date total 24 projects in 15 states have been approved with estimated expenditure of Rs. 727.16 crore and a total amount of Rs. 341.68 crore has been released for these project during the years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and the current financial year.

The list of sanctioned projects and the status thereof is annexed.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2126 ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018 REGARDING PROJECTS UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME.****Detail of the projects approved under PRASHAD Scheme.****(Rs. in crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project	Year	Project Cost	Amount Released
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	2015-16	28.36	22.69
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	Development of Srisailam Temple	2017-18	47.45	33.79
3.	ASSAM	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	2015-16	33.98	16.99
4.	BIHAR	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	2014-15	4.27	2.91
5.	BIHAR	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	41.54	33.23
6.	GUJARAT	Development of Dwarka	2016-17	26.23	6.85
7.	GUJARAT	Pilgrimage amenities at Somnath	2016-17	37.44	18.72
8.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	Development at Hazratbal,	2016-17	42.02	19.92
9.	KERALA	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	46.14	21.98
10.	MADHYA PRADESH	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	40.67	18.76
11.	ODISHA	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham- Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	2014-15	50.00	10.00

12.	PUNJAB	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	2015-16	6.45	6.41
13.	RAJASTHAN	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	40.44	19.41
14.	TAMILNADU	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	16.48	8.24
15.	TAMILNADU	Development of Vellankani	2016-17	5.60	2.59
16.	UTTARAKHAND	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.78	27.83
17.	UTTAR PRADESH	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	14.93	10.38
18.	UTTAR PRADESH	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura	2014-15	9.36	7.36
19.	UTTAR PRADESH	Development of Varanasi	2015-16	20.40	16.32
20.	WEST BENGAL	Development of Belur	2016-17	30.03	23.39
21.	UTTAR PRADESH	Cruse Tourism in River Ganga, Varanasi	2017-18	10.72	2.14
22.	MAHARASHTRA	Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	37.81	Admn. Appl. only 30.01.2018
23.	UTTAR PRADESH	Development of Varanasi Under Prashad Scheme - II	2017-18	62.82	Admn. Appl. only 08.02.2018
24.	UTTARAKHAND	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham (Uttarakhand) under PRASHAD Scheme	2018-19	39.24	11.77
		Total		727.16	341.68
