

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.479
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PROMOTION OF SPIRITUAL TOURISM

479. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to promote spiritual tourism in the country, especially in Odisha;**
- (b) the amount of Central funds allocated to carry out various spiritual tourism projects in Odisha;**
- (c) the details of the spiritual tourism projects/proposals received and sanctioned in Odisha; and**
- (d) the details of the revenue generated through spiritual tourism during the last five years, year-wise?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): Ministry of Tourism, inter-alia, promotes India, as a holistic tourist destination, including Odisha. In addition, promotions are also undertaken for highlighting the different tourism products and themes, including spiritual tourism. Further tourist destinations are also amplified through the official web-site as well as through the social media handles of the Ministry.

(b) and (c): With the objective of integrated development of identified pilgrimage destinations, Ministry of Tourism sanctions Central Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territories, including Odisha, for development of tourism infrastructure at pre-identified religious/heritage sites under the Scheme of 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD). Development and maintenance of religious/pilgrimage tourism destinations, primarily, is the responsibility of the concerned State

Government/UT Administration. The details of the projects sanctioned in Odisha under PRASHAD Scheme is given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Year of Sanction	Amt sanctioned in Rs	Status
01	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham – Ramachandi - Prachi River front at Deuli	2014-15	Rs.50.00 cr	Project foreclosed at ₹ 10.00 Crore on the request received from State Government.

(d): Revenue generated through tourism is not maintained by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
