

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2414
ANSWERED ON 18.12.2023**

**PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS TOURISM BY
INTEGRATING PILGRIMAGE SITES**

†2414.SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote religious tourism by integrating pilgrimage sites by way of developing the said sites under Hingoli Parliamentary Constituency; and**
- (b) if so, the details of financial outlay and the status thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (b): The Ministry of Tourism under 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) and 'Swadesh Darshan' (SD) schemes, provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for infrastructure development at tourist destinations including religious sites across the country.

Identification of the destinations and approval of projects under the Schemes is a continuous process which is carried out by the Ministry in consultation with the respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and is subject to availability of funds under the schemes, liquidation of pending utilisation certificate against the fund released earlier, physical progress of the project approved earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines etc.

The Ministry as on date has sanctioned 46 projects under PRASHAD and 76 projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme across the country which includes religious sites also, in addition new sites has been identified for development under both the schemes. The details of projects

sanctioned/ identified for development by the Ministry in Maharashtra is given below:

List of Sanctioned projects:

Sl. No.	Scheme	Project	Year of Sanction	Cost (Rs. in Crore)
1.	PRASHAD	Development of Trimbakeshwar, Nashik'	2017-18	52.92
2.	Swadesh Darshan	Development of Sindhudurg - Sagarashwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek),Mitbhav	2015-16	19.06
3.	Swadesh Darshan	Development of Waki-Adasa-Dhapewada-Paradsingha-Telankhandi-Girad	2018-19	53.96

List of new identified projects/sites/Destinations

Sl. No	Scheme	Projects
1.	PRASHAD	Shri Ghrushneshwar Shivalaya, Aurangabad Tuljapur, Osmanabad Shree Kshetra Rajur, Ganpati Temple, Jalna
2.	Swadesh Darshan 2.0	Sindhudurg
