

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†170  
ANSWERED ON 14.09.2020**

**PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS TOURISM**

**†170. SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI:**

**SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:**

**SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:**

**SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:**

**SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:**

**SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:**

**SHRI JOHN BARLA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop spiritual/religious tourism places across the country including Gujarat, West Bengal and Bihar under National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive;**
- (b) whether the Government has sanctioned funds to promote religious tourism during the last three years; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

**(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism, under its scheme “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive” (PRASHAD) provides Central Financial Assistance for infrastructure development and beautification of pilgrimage centres on receipt of suitable DPRs from the respective State Governments/UT Administrations, subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilisation certificate against the fund released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines. The details of the projects sanctioned under the scheme including the states of Gujarat, West Bengal and Bihar is at Annexure.**

**The Ministry of Tourism, as part of its on-going promotional activities, annually releases print, electronic, online and outdoor media campaigns in the international and domestic markets, under the Incredible India brand-line, to promote various tourism destinations and products of the country, including the spiritual/religious tourism places. Promotions are also undertaken through the Social Media accounts and website of the Ministry.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†170 ANSWERED ON 14.09.2020 REGARDING PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS TOURISM**

<b>State/UTs</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Year of Sanction</b>	<b>Approved cost (Cr. Rs.)</b>	<b>Amount Released (Cr. Rs.)</b>
<b>ANDHRA PRADESH</b>	<b>Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>27.77</b>	<b>27.77</b>
	<b>Development of Srisailam Temple</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>47.45</b>	<b>37.96</b>
<b>ASSAM</b>	<b>Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>30.71</b>	<b>24.57</b>
<b>BIHAR</b>	<b>Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>4.27</b>	<b>2.91</b>
	<b>Development at Patna Sahib</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>41.54</b>	<b>33.23</b>
<b>GUJARAT</b>	<b>Development of Dwarka</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>13.08</b>	<b>10.46</b>
	<b>Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>45.36</b>	<b>45.36</b>
	<b>Development of Promenade at Somnath under PRASHAD Scheme</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>44.59</b>	<b>37.90</b>
<b>HARYANA</b>	<b>Development of Nada Saheb Gurudwara and Mata Mansha Devi Temple in Panchkula District</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>49.52</b>	<b>7.67</b>
<b>JAMMU &amp; KASHMIR</b>	<b>Development at Hazratbal,</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>40.46</b>	<b>32.37</b>
<b>JHARKHAND</b>	<b>Development of</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>39.13</b>	<b>11.58</b>

	<b>BaidyanathjiDham, Deoghar</b>			
<b>KERALA</b>	<b>Development at Guruvayur Temple</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>46.14</b>	<b>36.91</b>
<b>MADHYA PRADESH</b>	<b>Development of Omkareshwar</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>44.83</b>	<b>35.87</b>
<b>MAHARASHTRA</b>	<b>Development of Trimbakeshwar</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>37.81</b>	<b>8.49</b>
<b>NAGALAND</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>25.26</b>	<b>7.53</b>
<b>ODISHA</b>	<b>Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree JagannathDham – Ramachandi - Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>PUNJAB</b>	<b>Development of KarunaSagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>6.40</b>	<b>6.40</b>
<b>RAJASTHAN</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>32.64</b>	<b>26.11</b>
<b>TAMILNADU</b>	<b>Development of Kanchipuram</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>13.99</b>	<b>13.99</b>
	<b>Development of Vellankani</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>4.86</b>	<b>4.86</b>
<b>UTTARAKHAND</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Kedarnath</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>34.78</b>	<b>27.83</b>
	<b>Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in BadrinathJiDham (Uttarakhand) under PRASHAD Scheme</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>39.24</b>	<b>11.77</b>
<b>UTTAR PRADESH</b>	<b>Development of Mathura-Vrindavan</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>14.93</b>	<b>10.38</b>

	<b>as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)</b>			
	<b>Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>9.36</b>	<b>9.36</b>
	<b>Development of Varanasi</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>20.40</b>	<b>16.32</b>
	<b>Cruise Tourism in River Ganga, Varanasi</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>10.72</b>	<b>8.57</b>
	<b>Development of Varanasi Under Prashad Scheme – Phase II</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>44.60</b>	<b>31.77</b>
	<b>Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan, Mathura, UP</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>39.74</b>	<b>14.23</b>
<b>WEST BENGAL</b>	<b>Development of Belur</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>30.03</b>	<b>23.39</b>
<b>MEGHALAYA</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>29.32</b>	<b>Admn Sanction 05.05.20</b>

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