

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2201  
ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021**

**DEVELOPMENT OF WORSHIP PLACES AS TOURIST SPOTS**

**†2201. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:  
SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:  
ADV. A.M. ARIFF:**

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

- (a) the list of places declared as National Pilgrim Centres in the country till date;**
- (b) the number of places of worship developed as tourist spots in the various States of the country during the last three years including Bihar particularly Barabar Hills in Jehanabad along with the details of funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years, State-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has prescribed any criteria for declaring a place of worship as a National Pilgrim Centre (NPC) and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government intends to declare Sabarimala as a NPC as requested by the State of Kerala and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the names of places of worship which are proposed to be developed as tourist spots in various States including Bihar during the current year?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a), (c) & (d): Ministry of Tourism neither declares any spot as National Pilgrim Tourism Centre nor does it maintain any list of such Centres. However, Ministry of Tourism, under the schemes viz., Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and “Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist**

**Circuit in the Country, Swadesh Darshan (SD)" provides Central Financial Assistance for infrastructure development and beautification of tourist spots on receipt of DPRs submitted by State Governments / Union Territories in adherence to the guidelines of these schemes, subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilisation certificate against the fund released earlier and position of physical execution of the projects approved to the respective state / UT earlier.**

**(b) and (e): Approval of new projects under PRASHAD and Swadesh Darshan Schemes is a continuous process subject to the conditions mentioned in above para. Details of the projects approved for development of pilgrimage / religious places in various States / Union Territories, including in the State of Bihar and also for Sabrimala in Kerala and the projects approved across the country during the last three years and the current year is annexed.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2201 ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF WORSHIP PLACES AS TOURIST SPOTS****A. DETAILS OF THE PROJECTS APPROVED UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS AND THE CURRENT YEAR.**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the State / Union Territory</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Project Cost (Cr. Rs.)</b>	<b>Amount Released (Cr. Rs.)</b>
	<b>Year 2018-19</b>			
<b>1</b>	<b>UTTARAKHAND</b>	<b>Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham (Uttarakhand)</b>	<b>39.24</b>	<b>20.79</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>Development of Promenade at Somnath</b>	<b>47.12</b>	<b>44.76</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>Development of Govardhan, Mathura</b>	<b>39.74</b>	<b>21.87</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Jharkhand</b>	<b>Development of Baidyanathji Dham, Deoghar</b>	<b>39.13</b>	<b>20.58</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Facilities in Nagaland</b>	<b>25.26</b>	<b>13.49</b>
	<b>Year 2019-20</b>			
<b>6</b>	<b>Haryana</b>	<b>Development of Nadasaheb Gurudwara and Mata Mansha Devi Temple in Panchkula District</b>	<b>49.52</b>	<b>20.18</b>
	<b>Year 2020-21</b>			
<b>7</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya</b>	<b>29.32</b>	<b>6.53</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>Development of Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple, Rajnandgaon, Dongargarh, Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>43.33</b>	<b>12.16</b>

9	Arunachal Pradesh	Development of Parasuram Kund, Lohit	37.88	NIL
10	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh	49.99	NIL
11	Sikkim	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom, Sikkim	33.32	9.50
12	Telangana	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple, Alampur, Telangana	36.73	5.14
13	Tripura	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple, Udaipur, Tripura	37.84	10.59
	<b>2021-22</b>			
14	Uttarakhand	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities and Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham in Uttarakhand under PRASHAD Scheme	54.36	NIL

**B. DETAILS OF THE PROJECTS APPROVED UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME FOR THE STATE OF BIHAR AND FOR SABRIMALA, AND THE PROJECTS APPROVED DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS**

Name of State	Name of Circuit & Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned Cr. Rs.	Amt. Released Cr. Rs.
Kerala	Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.	99.99	20.00
Kerala	Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Sree Padmanabha Temple, Aranmula- Sabrimala	92.22	73.77
Kerala	Spiritual Circuit (2018-19)	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram-	69.47	1.61

		<b>Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania-Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam</b>		
<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Spiritual circuit (2016-17)</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj-Mojma-Banka.</b>	<b>44.76</b>	<b>42.52</b>
<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit (2017-18)</b>	<b>Development of Mandar Hill &amp;Ang Pradesh.</b>	<b>47.52</b>	<b>38.02</b>
<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Buddhist Circuit (2016-17)</b>	<b>Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya</b>	<b>98.73</b>	<b>78.91</b>
<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Tirthankar circuit (2016-17)</b>	<b>Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri.</b>	<b>37.19</b>	<b>26.19</b>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit (2018-19)</b>	<b>Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh- Telankhandi- Girad</b>	<b>54.01</b>	<b>24.00</b>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit (2018-19)</b>	<b>Development of Jewar- Dadri-Sikandrabad- Noida-Khurja-Banda</b>	<b>12.03</b>	<b>8.83</b>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit (2018-19)</b>	<b>Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyaganj)</b>	<b>15.76</b>	<b>9.46</b>

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