

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3430
ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024**

INCLUSION OF TEMPLES IN PRASHAD

†3430. SHRI PARIMAL SUKLABAIDYA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the religious places included under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme in Assam so far;**
- (b) whether the historical Bhuban Tirtha, Maa Kachakhanti Temple and Siddheshwar Temple located in Silchar Parliamentary Constituency have been included under the said Scheme; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps likely to be taken for the inclusion of the said religious places under the said Scheme?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): The Ministry of Tourism under the “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive” (PRASHAD) provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territories Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure at identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations. Under the scheme, the Ministry has sanctioned a project 'Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Kamakhya Temple' in Assam at the cost of Rs.29.80 Crore.

(b) & (c): The identification/selection of pilgrimage sites under the PRASHAD scheme is done in synergy with scheme guidelines and in close consultation with the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The proposals received from the State Governments/UT Administrations are examined with reference to the prescribed scheme guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds.

The Bhuban Tirtha, Maa Kachakhanti Temple and Siddheshwar Temple in Silchar Parliamentary Constituency is not under the consideration of this Ministry.
