

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 397
TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 27, 2025**

HERITAGE CITY DEVELOPMENT AND AUGMENTATION YOJANA

NO. 397. SHRI KRISHNA PRASAD TENNETI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of list of cities selected under the National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) and the criteria used for their selection, State-wise and district-wise in Andhra Pradesh including Bapatla Parliamentary Constituency;**
- (b) the details and current status of key projects undertaken in these cities for heritage conservation;**
- (c) the details of total funds allocated, released and utilized under the said scheme, State-wise;**
- (d) the details and the data on the impact of HRIDAY on heritage preservation and tourism development; and**
- (e) whether the Government has faced any challenges in the implementation of HRIDAY and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken to address them?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI MANOHAR LAL)**

- (a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 397 FOR 27.03.2025 REGARDING "HERITAGE CITY DEVELOPMENT AND AUGMENTTION YOJANA"

- (a): Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY), a central sector scheme was launched on 21st January 2015. The main objective of the scheme is to preserve character and the soul of heritage cities and facilitate inclusive heritage linked urban development by exploring various avenues including involving private sector. It was implemented in 12 cities i.e. Ajmer (Rajasthan), Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh), Amritsar (Punjab), Badami (Karnataka), Dwarka (Gujarat), Gaya (Bihar), Kancheepuram and Velankanni (Tamil Nadu), Mathura and Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Puri (Odisha), and Warangal (Telangana).**

The scheme was initiated as a pilot project consequent to announcement by the Hon'ble Finance Minister during the Budget Speech of Financial Year 2014-15. Cities were selected based on their heritage & tourism, religious importance and geographical spread. The Ministry considered these selection criteria to have a wide-spread presence of HRIDAY scheme across nation, region, culture and religion. The heritage development of city is not about beautification and conservation of just few monuments, but development of entire city in light of its heritage characteristics, its planning, its cleanliness, sanitation standards, quality of life to its communities and its economy and livelihoods. Separate efforts are necessitated under HRIDAY so as to preserve character and the soul of heritage city which facilitate inclusive heritage linked urban development. To begin with 7 cities viz., Amritsar, Ajmer, Mathura, Gaya, Kancheepuram, Varanasi and Velankanni were selected to kick-start the scheme for conserving and preserving their respective heritage characters. Thereafter five more cities i.e. Amaravati, Badami, Dwarka, Puri, Warangal were included under HRIDAY scheme.

In Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati city is only one of the cities selected under the HRIDAY Scheme. The details of works undertaken and completed in Amaravati City of Andhra Pradesh during the mission period are enclosed as Annexure-A. No other new cities or projects were taken up in Andhra Pradesh under the HRIDAY scheme.

- (b) & (c): Total outlay for the scheme was Rs. 500 crore. The detailed current status of key projects undertaken in heritage cities for heritage conservation and funds allocated, released, and utilized under the scheme State-wise is enclosed as Annexure-B and C.**
- (d): As per the Impact Assessment Study conducted by Quality Council of India under HRIDAY scheme, various urban development projects were undertaken to improve infrastructure, promote tourism, and conserve the architectural and cultural heritage of these cities. In conclusion, HRIDAY**

scheme across 12 heritage cities in India highlights the diverse and multifaceted impacts of the scheme. The HRIDAY scheme has led to notable improvements across various cities, focusing on heritage conservation, economic growth, and enhanced public infrastructure. For instance, Cities like Ajmer, Amaravati, and Badami have seen improvements in cleanliness, tourism, and community development. Amritsar, Gaya, and Varanasi prioritized heritage revitalization, inclusivity, and economic growth, while Warangal and Puri witnessed growth in tourism and public amenities. Kancheepuram and Mathura witnessed improvements in safety and infrastructure, while Velankanni stood out for its environmental sustainability and heritage conservation. Overall, the scheme has positively impacted the quality of life for residents and boosted tourism.

- (e): During the implementation of the HRIDAY scheme the role of the concerned local governments/ULBs was very important for implementing and completing such projects in a timely manner. In one of the places, the implementation of the HRIDAY scheme faced lack of coordination in the urban local body that resulted in delay in completing the project. To address these challenges, the Ministry has conducted the site visits of the projects and followed up with the Urban Local Bodies for completion of the project. The mission period of the HRIDAY has ended on 31st March, 2019. No new cities or projects were taken up after 31st March, 2019 in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under HRIDAY scheme. On discontinuation of the HRIDAY scheme, heritage component has been included in National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) which is presently administered by the Ministry of Tourism.**

Annexure-A

Refer to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 397 to be answered on 27th March, 2025.

Statement showing the details of works undertaken and completed in Amaravati City (Andhra Pradesh) during the mission period of HRIDAY

S. No.	Name of the work	Funds released (Rs. in crore)
1	Up-gradation of approach roads to heritage Sites	10.01
2	Development of Heritage Walk	2.32
3	Redevelopment of Amaravati pond (NunegundamCheruvu)	4.27
Total		16.60

ANNEXURE-B

Refer to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 397 to be answered on 27th March, 2025.

City wise status of projects under HRIDAY scheme

HRIDAY projects at Amritsar (Punjab)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Progress Status
1	Landscape Improvements and Historic Edge Delineation of the Rambagh Garden	Completed
# Provision of surface parking in Rambagh Garden		Cancelled
2	Restoration & Adaptive Reuse of Rambagh Gate	Completed
3	Comprehensive road development and up-gradation of 21 major roads leading to Golden Temple	Completed
# Development of Public Plaza along the southern edge of Rambagh Garden		Cancelled
4	Reorganizing Connectivity and Linkages through Streetscape and Landscape improvement at GolBagh	Completed
5	Comprehensive Improvement of a mobility corridor along the outer and inner circular road	Completed
6	Revitalization and Infrastructure Development at 40 Khoo, or 40 Wells and Colonial Period Power House	Completed
* Additional component for Adaptive Reuse of the Pump House, 40 Khuh, Amritsar as the story of Water Environment Interpretation Centre & Facility Upgradation as Corporation House		Completed
7	Development of an Environmental Park at the UBDC Canal	Completed
8	Structural retrofitting and up-gradation of the historic fabric of the colonial period building of the DC Office	Completed
9	Up-gradation of the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Panorama	Completed
10	Interpretative Signage in the City with Sensors #	Completed
11	Heritage lighting for proper illumination of various sites	Completed
12	Conservation of the historic gates and improvement in the Heritage Zone4 – Circular Road – Historic Connector	Completed

HRIDAY projects at Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Progress Status
1	Up-gradation of Approach roads to Heritage Sites	Completed
2	Development of Heritage Walk	Completed

3	Development of Amaravati Pond (NunegundamCheruvu)	Completed
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HRIDAY projects at Ajmer (Rajasthan)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Progress Status
1	Development of Heritage Walk connecting Akbari Quila and SonijikiNasiya	Completed
2	Development of Jaipur Road Precinct	Completed
3	Development of Pushkar Heritage Walk	Completed
4	Development of SubhashUdyan	Completed
5	Annasagar Lakefront Up-gradation	Completed
6	Development of Vehicular Surface Parking at Longia Hospital, Ajmer	Completed
7	Development of Rail Museum at Ajmer	Completed

HRIDAY projects at Badami (Karnataka)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Progress Status
1	Development of Sullage Treatment Plant in Takkote Village. (Replaced by underground drainage work)	Completed
2	Zero Waste Management for Badami Town	Completed
3	Improvement of Historic, Vernacular Building Façade and Streetscape	Cancelled
	* Additional component for Construction of arches, improvement of junctions and toilet block (Amount transferred to CPWD)	Completed
4	Integrated Development and Improvement of Arterial Road, Transportation Infrastructure, Parking and Road Signage	Completed
	* Integrated Development and Improvement of Arterial Road Transportation Infrastructure, Parking & Road Signage Entrance Arch (Amount transferred to CPWD)	85% progress

HRIDAY projects at Dwarka (Gujarat)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Progress Status
1	Vegetable market square	Completed
2	SidheshwarMahadev Precinct	Completed
3	Darshan Path – Teen Batti	Completed
4	Development of heritage zone 01 Dwarkadhish temple square	Completed
5	Development of heritage zone 04 Main Processional Street (Darshan Path) from Iskon Gate to Dwarkadhish temple	Completed
6	Development of Bet Dwaraka Darshan Circuit	Completed
7	Revitalization of Vegetable Market, Brahma Kund, Hari Kund and SavitriVav at Dwaraka	Completed
8	Installation of CCTV Cameras and Wi-Fi Systems in the identified Heritage Zones in Dwaraka	Completed

HRIDAY projects at Gaya (Bihar)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Progress Status
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1	Development of Ghats and Sarovars at Gaya: Brahmsat and Baitarani Sarovar	Completed
2	Development of Ghat and Vishnupad temple complex	Completed
3	Development of Akshay Vat Complex (Zone-2) at Gaya	Completed
4	Development of Connecting pathway- Dungeshwari hill to Mahabodhi temple (Zone-6) at Bodh Gaya	completed
5	Development of SitaKund Temple Complex	Completed
6	Development of Pita MaheshwarSarovar	Completed
# Construction of Four Welcome Arch		Project Cancelled
7	Beautification and Development of Ram Kund, Ram Sagar, Godavari and SingraSthanSarovar (Phase-I) SingraSthan Phase-II*	Completed

HRIDAY projects at Kancheepuram (Tamil Nadu)

S. No	Name of the Project	Progress Status
1	Development and Infrastructure Up-gradation around Ekambareswarar Temple	Completed

2	Development and Infrastructure Up-gradation around VaradharajaPerumal Temple Zone.	Completed
3	Development and Infrastructure Works Around Kamatchi Amman Temple	Completed

HRIDAY projects at Mathura (Uttar Pradesh)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Progress Status
1	Redevelopment and Revitalization of VrindavanParikrama Marg	Completed
2	Krishna Janmabhoomi Precinct	Completed
3	Revitalization of the Historic Chatta Bazaar	Completed
4	Rejuvenation of the Historic VishramGhat	Completed
5	Installation of CCTV Cameras at Krishna Janmsthan, VrindavanParikrama Marg and VishramGhat	Completed
6	Beautification of KrishnapuriTiraha	Completed
7	Façade Lighting at PotraKund	Completed
8	Strengthening & beautification of road from KrishnapuriTiraha to Subhash inter college.	Completed

HRIDAY projects at Puri (Odisha)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Progress Status
1	Development of Landscape Garden by using treated water from waste water treatment plant at BankiMuhana	Completed

2	Landscape development of Shri JagannathaBallabhMatha Garden	Completed
3	Landscape development etc along the River Front Atharnala	Completed
4	Improvement and facades up-gradation of Bada Odiya Matha and Ganga Mata Matha	Completed
5	Revival of Pokharis, Ponds located in 7 Jagaghara	Completed
6	Retrofitting of building facades along the Parikrama Marg (periphery) of Shri Jagannatha Temple	Completed

HRIDAY projects at Warangal (Telangana)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Progress Status
1	Bhadrakali Lake Foreshore Development	Completed
2	Development work at 1000 pillar temple area	Completed
3	Development work at KazipethDargah	Completed
4	Rejuvenation of pond at Padmakshi Temple and Development of Jain Sites of Hanamkonda Hill	Completed

5	Revival and Development of Fort Warangal	completed
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HRIDAY projects at Velankanni (Tamil Nadu)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Progress Status
1	Development of support infrastructure at Velankanni	Completed
2	Heritage linked infrastructure development of Three Delineated zones	Completed
3	Additional Heritage linked infrastructure development of Three Delineated zones	Completed

HRIDAY projects at Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Progress Status
1	Construction of 10 approach Roads to various heritage sites	Completed
# Development of Dashashwamedh - Godowlia Culture Quarter.		Project Cancelled
2	Redevelopment of Town Hall as Heritage Centre	Completed

3	Development of 24 Roads leading to various heritage sites	Completed
4	Development of Heritage precinct of Road Connecting Durgakund, KurushetraPokhra and AssiGhat	Completed
5	Carrying out Heritage Artistic Paint Work	Completed
6	Heritage Walk around KabirChaura and PiplaniKatra	Completed
7	Development of 86 heritage sites	Completed
8	Implementation of Heritage Sensitive Infrastructure for LED Street Lighting at Old Kashi Zone	Completed
9	Thematic Development of 10 Roads leading to Various Heritage Sites	Completed
10	Façade Lighting for Historic monument of Town Hall and DurgaMandir	Completed
11	Installation of Heritage Sensitive LED Street Lighting	Completed

Annexure-C

Refer to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 397 to be answered on 27th March, 2025.

Statement showing the current status of key projects undertaken in heritage cities for heritage conservation and funds allocated, released, and utilized under the scheme State-wise/City wise.

(Rs. in crore)				
	City	Amount		Current Status

S. No.		Approved	Amount Released	Utilization Certificates Received	Projects Approved	Projects Completed	Pending Projects
1	Ajmer (Rajasthan)	38.18	34.17	22.47	7	7	Nil
2	Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh)	18.47	16.60	69.91	3	3	Nil
3	Amritsar (Punjab)	74.20	72.96	19.96	12	12	Nil
4	Badami (Karnataka)	19.70	19.03	14.20	4	3	1
5	Dwarka (Gujarat)	32.20	27.76	26.11	8	8	Nil
6	Gaya (Bihar)	36.52	34.74	13.97	7	7	Nil
7	Kancheepuram (Tamil Nadu)	20.00	19.48	57.65	3	3	Nil
8	Mathura (Uttar Pradesh)	21.75	21.75	13.39	8	8	Nil
9	Puri (Odisha)	16.72	16.12	24.56	6	6	Nil
10	Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)	87.62	87.62	19.43	11	11	Nil
11	Velankanni (Tamil Nadu)	19.26	19.03	11.39	3	3	Nil
12	Warangal (Telanagna)	34.95	32.82	29.70	5	5	Nil
Total		419.57	#402.08	@322.74	77	76	*01

***1 project in Badami amounts to Rs. 9.37 Crore is under implementation.**

The difference in amount of funds approved and funds released is on account of change in the scope of work and variation in tender cost.

@ The utilization certificates are still awaited from the Urban Local Bodies for the difference amount.

