# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+1777 ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025

### **PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS PLACES OF RAJASTHAN**

### +1777. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH OLA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to develop Shakambhari Mata (Udaipurwati) and lohargal religious sites situated in Jhunjhunu Lok Sabha Parliamentary Constituency and other religious places of the Constituency from tourist view point under Swadesh Darshan Yojana;
- (b) the amount of budget allocated and spent for the above religious places during the last five years;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to develop above religious places of Jhunjhunu Lok Sabha Parliamentary Constituency with various basic amenities including roads; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government till date to develop the religious places of Rajasthan from tourism view point including the details thereof, year-wise and district-wise?

#### ANSWER

#### THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, including religious tourism is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry complements the efforts of States/UTs by developing and promoting various tourism products of the country, including religious tourism in Rajasthan through various schemes and initiatives.

Ministry of Tourism under the schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for the development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities at various tourism destinations in the country including religious places in Rajasthan. In some of the projects, last mile connectivity is also undertaken as a component.

Under the Krishna Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme, Ministry of Tourism sanctioned a project 'Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)' for a cost of Rs.75.80 Crore. Under the Spiritual Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme, a project 'Development of Churu (Salasar Balaji)-Jaipur (Shri Samodke Balaji, Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) – Mehndipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)' was sanctioned for a cost of Rs.87.05 Crore.

Ministry has revamped Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations following a destination centric approach. Under SD 2.0 a project 'Spiritual Experience, Keshavraipatan' in Bundi has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.17.37 Crore.

The projects under the Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD scheme are considered for sanctioning in consultation with the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations and on receipt of the project proposals from them subject to fulfillment of the stipulated provisions and availability of funds.

Details of projects sanctioned under the aforesaid schemes for the State of Rajasthan including for development of religious places are Annexed.

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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. +1777 ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025 REGARDING PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS PLACES OF RAJASTHAN RAISED SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH OLA

Details of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Rajasthan

S. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned in ₹ Crore	Amount Released /Authorized* in ₹ Crore
1.	Desert Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations	50.01	50.01
2.	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), KhatuShyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	75.80	73.85
3.	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Spiritual Circuit- 'Development of Churu (SalasarBalaji)-Jaipur (Shri SamodkeBalaji)-Jaipur (Shri SamodkeBalaji)- Viratnagar (Bijak, BandhekeBalaji)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) - MehndipurBalaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)	87.05	75.03
4.	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Heritage Circuit Development of Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort) - Jaipur (Facade Illumination in Jaipur and Nahargarh Fort) -Jhalawar (Gagron Fort) - Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) - Jaisalmer (Jaisalmer Fort) - Hanumangarh (Gogamedi) - Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra) -	70.61	66.99

Dholpur (Bagh-I-Nilofor and
PuraniChawani) - Nagaur (Meera
Bai Smarak, Merta) - Tonk
(SunehriKothi)

\* Includes amount of authorization to CNA through TSA Model I for Central Sector Scheme.

List of sanctioned projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 in the State of Rajashtan

S. No.	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost (₹ Crore)	Date of Sanction
1.	Bundi	Spiritual Experience,	17.37	29-02-
		Keshavraipatan		2024

List of sanctioned projects under PRASHAD Scheme in the State of Rajasthan

S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost (₹ Crore)	Amount Released (₹ Crore)
1.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64	26.11

**Projects sanctioned under Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme in the State of Rajasthan** 

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Agency	Sanction Date	Amount sanctioned (in Lakh)	Amount Released (in Lakh)
1.	Development of Border Tourism at Shri Tanot Complex, Jaisalmer Sector	BSF	05-07- 2022	1767.66	883.83
2.	Installation of Musical Fountain & Water Screen Multimedia based projection show at NawalSagar Lake, Bundi	ITDC	04-10- 2023	925.67	92.57