

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3717  
ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025**

**PRASAD SCHEME IN TIRUPATI**

**3717. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to implement the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) Scheme in Tirupati district, given its significance as a major religious destination;**
- (b) if so, the details of the projects sanctioned under the PRASAD Scheme in Tirupati district and their current status;**
- (c) whether the Government is planning to allocate additional funds to enhance infrastructure and facilities for pilgrims visiting Tirupati under the PRASAD Scheme;**
- (d) if not, the reasons for the delay or non-implementation of the Scheme in the district; and**
- (e) the timeline for completing the projects under the PRASAD Scheme in Tirupati district?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism under the “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive” (PRASHAD) provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure at identified pilgrimage destinations. The projects under the scheme are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations.**

**Receiving proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations for financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The**

**proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds.**

**Proposal to implement the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) Scheme in Tirupati district is presently not under consideration of Ministry of Tourism. However, the Ministry has sanctioned 4 projects namely Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination, Development of Srisailam Temple, Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam Temple and Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town and has also identified Vedagiri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple, Nellore District for development under the PRASHAD Scheme.**

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