

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4097  
ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

**CONSERVATION OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SITES IN MEERUT**

†4097. SHRI ARUN GOVIL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Meerut district is historically and culturally very rich and land of the first revolution of 1857 and having many ancient temples, memories related to the freedom struggle, archaeological sites and other cultural heritage as well as Meerut's traditional craftsmanship, handicrafts and sports culture also have their own unique identity in the country and abroad;
- (b) if so, the details of the schemes being run or proposed to be run by the Government to conserve, promote and develop the historical and cultural sites located in Meerut district as tourist destinations; and
- (c) the details of the schemes, the sanctioned budget and the current status of their implementation?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a)& (b) There are 08 ancient monuments and archaeological sites and remains declared as of National importance in the district Meerut under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958. Their conservation, preservation and annual maintenance including environmental presentation are taken up by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as per the requirement considering availability of funds and resources. Further, upkeep and maintenance of the protected monuments and sites is a continuous process. Further, amenities like drinking water, toilets, pathways, ramps, etc., besides facilities like Wi-Fi, cafeteria, interpretation centre, signage, etc. are provided based on requirement and availability of resources. For tourism destination under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SD1.0) there are two sanctioned projects namely:-
  - (i) Development of Spiritual Circuit: Bijnor-Meerut-Kanpur Dehat- Banda-Ghazipur-Salempur-Ghosi-Balia-Ambedkar Nagar-Aligarh-Fatehpur-Deoria-Mahoba-Sonbhadra-Chandausi-Mishrikh-Bhadohi.
  - (ii) Development of Heritage Circuit: Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mauhar Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut).

(c) Details of tourism schemes under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SD1.0) and sanctioned budget are as under:

- (i) Development of Spiritual Circuit: Bijnor-Meerut-Kanpur Dehat- Banda-Ghazipur-Salempur-Ghosi-Balia-Ambedkar Nagar-Aligarh-Fatehpur-Deoria-Mahoba-Sonbhadra-Chandausi-Mishrikh-Bhadohi sanctioned for Rs. 67.51 crore in 2016-17
- (ii) Development of Heritage Circuit: Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mauhar Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut), sanctioned for Rs. 36.65 crore in 2016-17.

In addition to above, list of projects of Tourism Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, in district Meerut is as under:-

1. Tourism development of Nauchandi Temple.
  2. Beautification of Martyr's Memorial established in memory of Martyrs in village Bhamouri and construction of museum.
  3. Tourism development work of the very ancient Pandeswar Mahadev temple, in village Pooth Khas.
  4. Tourism development work of the sites of 1857 revolution in Meerut and Martyr's Memorial in Meerut.
  5. Tourism development work at Sardhana Church in Meerut.
  6. Integrated tourism development work of Hastinapur, Meerut.
- The sanctioned budget for above works (1 to 6) is Rs. 2848.61 lakhs.

For conservation of protected monuments, thought there is no scheme, conservation and maintenance related works are taken up by the ASI through annual conservation programme. Provision for conservation and maintenance of these monuments for the current year and expenditure is as under:

Provision: 112 lakhs

Expenditure: 11.39 lakhs (up to 15.07.2025)

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