

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.†*224
ANSWERED ON 09.03.2026**

DEVELOPMENT OF NEVASA PILGRIMAGE SITE

†*224. SHRI BHAUSAHEB RAJARAM WAKCHAURE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that Nevasa in Ahmednagar (now Ahilyanagar) district of Maharashtra, the birthplace of the great Saint of Marathi literature and culture Saint Gyaneshwar (Dnyaneshwar) is a centre of historical and cultural importance, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that the statue of Saint Gyaneshwar (Dnyaneshwar) installed at his Samadhi in Nevasa village is a pilgrimage site and worshipped by his followers and several other temples and monuments associated with his life are situated there as well;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to ensure central allocation of funds for the tourism development of Nevasa pilgrimage site; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.†*224 ANSWERED ON 09.03.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF NEVASA PILGRIMAGE SITE RAISED BY SHRI BHAUSAHEB RAJARAM WAKCHAURE

(a): The archaeological mound situated in Newasa, Ahmednagar (Maharashtra) named as "Ancient Site locally known as Ladmod" is a protected area with ASI under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958.

(b) & (c): The temple located at the southern foot of the Ladmod mound Nevasa, not protected by ASI, is a place where, as per local beliefs and tradition, Sri Jnanesvara dictated the commentary on Gita.

The Ancient site locally known as Ladmod, Newasa, is looked after by Archaeological Survey of India and expenditure incurred on its maintenance during the last three years is as under:

Expenditure (in Rs.) on annual maintenance of the site			
2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26(Till Jan)
635412	321268	259492	290414

(d) & (e): As regard to tourism is concerned, development and maintenance of pilgrimage sites are primarily undertaken by the respective State Government and Union Territory Administration. The Ministry of Tourism complements the efforts of State Governments (SGs) and UT Administrations (UTs) by developing and promoting several tourism

products of the country through various schemes and initiatives, including the State of Maharashtra.

No proposal for the tourism development of Nevasa pilgrimage site has been received by the Ministry of Tourism. However, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned various tourism development projects in Maharashtra amounting to Rs.437.10 crore, details of which are given in the Annexure.

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.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) AND (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.†*224 ANSWERED ON 09.03.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF NEVASA PILGRIMAGE SITE RAISED BY SHRI BHAUSAHEB RAJARAM WAKCHAURE.

i. List of project sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Maharashtra is as under:

S. No.	Name of the Project	Sanction Year	Sanction Amount (₹ in Crores)	Amount Released (₹ in Crores)
1.	Development of Trimbakeshwar, Nashik	2017-18	45.41	38.44

ii. List of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme (1.0) in Maharashtra is as under:

S. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (₹ in Crore)	Amount Released /Authorised (₹ in Crore)
1.	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06	18.10
2.	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki-Adasa- Dhapewada-Paradsingha- Telankhandi-Girad	45.47	43.19

iii. List of project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme (2.0) in Maharashtra is as under:

S. No.	Name of the Experience	Sanction Year	Sanctioned Cost (₹ in Crore)	Amount Authorised (₹ in Crore)
1.	Shivshrusthi Theme Park	2024-25	76.22	7.62

iv. List of project sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme in Maharashtra is as under:

S. No.	Destination/ Category	Name of the Experience	Sanction Year	Sanctioned Cost (₹ in Crore)	Amount Authorised (₹ in Crore)
1.	Ahmednagar (Culture & Heritage)	Development of Ahmednagar Fort	2024-25	25.00	2.50

v. List of projects sanctioned under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme in Maharashtra is as under:

S. No.	Name of the Project	Sanction Year	Sanctioned Cost (₹ in Crore)	Amount Released (₹ in Crore)
1.	INS-Guldar Underwater Museum, Artificial Reef, and submarine Tourism in Sindhudurg	2024-25	46.91	96.39
2.	Development of RAM-KAL PATH in Nashik	2024-25	99.14	

vi. List of projects sanctioned under Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development (ACA) Scheme in Maharashtra is as under:

S. No.	Name of the Project	Sanction Year	Amount Sanctioned (₹ in Crore)	Amount Authorised (₹ in Crore)
1.	Development of Kanoji Angre Lighthouse as a	2016-17	15.0	15.0

	tourist Destination			
2.	Up-gradation/ modernization to International Cruise terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai.	2017-18	12.5	12.5
3.	Upgradation/ Modernization to International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai Port Trust	2021-22	37.5	30.0
4.	Nanded Railway Station	2016-17	5.18	2.59
5.	Aurangabad Railway Station	2017-18	5.71	2.85
6.	Manufacture of 3 Glass Top Coaches: (Route Dadar-Madgaon, Mumbai to Goa)	2017-18	4.0	4.0
