

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+1466
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026**

REDEVELOPMENT OF TEMPLE CORRIDORS AND PILGRIMAGE SITES

+1466.SMT. VIJAYLAKSHMI DEVI:

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SHRI BUNTY VIVEK SAHU:

SHRI ASHISH DUBEY:

SHRI MITESHBHAI RAMESHBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the major temple corridor and pilgrimage site redevelopment projects supported by the Government during the year 2025, including information on the key sites involved, State/UT-wise, particularly in Madhya Pradesh;**
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, released and utilized for the said projects along with the current status thereof, State/UT-wise especially in Bihar;**
- (c) the details of the measures taken to ensure a balance between heritage conservation, improvement of pilgrim facilities, crowd management and environmental sustainability; and**
- (d) the extent to which the said redevelopment initiatives enhanced the pilgrimage experience, local employment and regional economic activity, State/UT-wise, particularly in Madhya Pradesh and Bihar?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism, through its ongoing schemes of Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and Swadesh Darshan, complements the efforts of the State Governments (SGs) and UT Administrations (UTs) by extending financial

assistance to SGs/UTs for the development of tourism-related infrastructure across the country including major pilgrimage sites and temple corridors.

During the year 2025, various projects for the development of pilgrimage destinations have been sanctioned under the above mentioned schemes. The details of the funds sanctioned, released, utilised along with the present status of these projects in the country including Madhya Pradesh and Bihar are given in the Annexure.

Under the above mentioned schemes, projects are formulated and implemented in accordance with the approved guidelines to ensure sustainable and responsible tourism. The Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) are prepared in consultations with the respective State Governments and UT Administrations, local bodies, and other stakeholders. The said consultations are undertaken to ensure that spiritual integrity and ingenuity of the sites are maintained while developing various amenities for improving overall pilgrim/tourist experience. The DPR submitted to the Ministry of Tourism also incorporates sustainable operation and maintenance plans for the proposed projects.

To address challenges such as overcrowding, environmental degradation, infrastructure strain in high-footfall pilgrimage sites and to improve pilgrimage experience, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned various interventions such as Queue management complex, Waiting halls, Widening of approach roads, CCTVs for pilgrim safety, Parking, Tourist Information Centre, last-mile connectivity, solid and pious waste management systems, illumination, sanitation, amenities centres, interpretation facilities, rainwater harvesting among others. Also, under the Central Sector Schemes of PRASHAD and Swadesh Darshan, the Ministry seeks to develop tourism infrastructure in a holistic and sustainable manner with the objective of boosting tourism, conserving local culture, generating employment and strengthening the local economy across the country.

ANNEXURE

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED
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List of pilgrimage projects sanctioned under PRASHAD, SD 2.0 and CBDD Scheme in 2025

Sr. No.	State	Scheme	Project Name	Sanction Year	Sanction Cost (₹ Cr.)	Amount Authorised (₹ Cr.)	Amount Utilised (₹ Cr.)	Status
1	Andhra Pradesh	CBDD	Enriching Buddhist Heritage and Cultural Experiences at Nagarjuna Sagar	March 2025	25.00	2.50	0.00	Ongoing
2	Andhra Pradesh	CBDD	Development of Abhobilam as a Spiritual Odyssey	March 2025	24.99	2.50	0.00	Ongoing
3	Bihar	SD 2.0	Development of the Buddhist Meditation & Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya	March 2025	165.44	16.54	0.00	Ongoing
4	Bihar	PRASHAD	Development of Ambika Bhawani Temple, Saran	March 2025	13.29	0.00	0.00	Ongoing
5	Himachal Pradesh	SD 2.0	Development of Maa Chintpurni Devi Temple, Una	July 2025	56.26	5.63	0.00	Ongoing
6	Jharkhand	CBDD	Tourism Infrastructure	March 2025	18.87	1.87	0.00	Ongoing

			Development at Ramrekha Dham					
6	Kerala	CBDD	Thalassery: The Spiritual Nexus	March 2025	25.00	2.50	0.00	Ongoing
7	Karnataka	PRASHAD	Development of Renuka Yallama Devi temple	March 2025	18.37	0.00	0.00	Ongoing
8	Karnataka	PRASHAD	Development of Basic Amenities at Papnash Temple, Bidar dist.	March 2025	22.25	6.30	0.00	Ongoing
9	Madhya Pradesh	SD 2.0	Development of Pitambara Peeth Datia	July 2025	44.24	4.42	0.00	Ongoing
10	Madhya Pradesh	CBDD	Orchha A Medieval Splendour 2.0	March 2025	25.00	2.50	0.00	Ongoing
11	Meghalaya	CBDD	Nartiang Spiritual & Cultural Centre	March 2025	24.87	2.49	0.00	Ongoing
12	Mizoram	PRASHAD	Development of Basic Amenities under PRASHAD scheme in Vangchhia, Champhai District	March 2025	5.47	1.56	0.00	Ongoing
13	Nagaland	CBDD	Soulful Trails: The Impur Heritage Experience	March 2025	24.94	2.49	0.00	Ongoing
14	Punjab	CBDD	Heritage Street - A Symbol of Peace and Harmony at Sri Anandpur Sahib	March 2025	24.90	2.49	0.00	Ongoing
15	Puducherry	PRASHAD	Development of Pilgrim Facilites& Tourist	March 2025	25.94	0.00	0.00	Ongoing

			attractions for Sri Dharbaranyeswara Temple					
16	Rajasthan	SD 2.0	Development works at Shri KhatuShyam Ji Temple (Sikar)	March 2025	87.87	8.79	0.00	Ongoing
17	Rajasthan	SD 2.0	Development Works at Shri Karnimatamandir, Bikaner	July 2025	22.58	2.26	0.00	Ongoing
18	Rajasthan	SD 2.0	Development of Malaseri Dungri, Bhilwara District	July 2025	48.73	4.87	0.00	Ongoing
19	Sikkim	CBDD	Kabi Chronicles: A journey through Unity and Heritage	March 2025	24.96	2.50	0.00	Ongoing
20	Tamil Nadu	CBDD	Iconic transformation of Rameswaram	March 2025	20.01	2.00	0.00	Ongoing
21	Tamil Nadu	PRASHAD	Development of 8 Navagraha Temples	March 2025	40.94	0.00	0.00	Ongoing
22	Telangana	PRASHAD	Development of Basic Amenities at goddess RenukaYellama Devasthanam	March 2025	4.22	0.00	0.00	Ongoing
23	Uttarakhand	CBDD	Development of Kainchi Dham Campus	March 2025	17.60	1.76	0.00	Ongoing
