

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5886
ANSWERED ON 30.03.2026**

**INCLUSION OF SALASAR BALAJI TEMPLE, CHURU
UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME**

5886. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Salasar Balaji Temple in Churu attracts six to seven lakh pilgrims during Chaitra and Ashwin Purnima fairs annually and forms part of the Salasar Khatu Shyamji-Rani Sati Dadi pilgrimage circuit;**
- (b) whether the said temple has been included under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme and whether the Government proposes to include it and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether Churu's Shekhawati fresco havelis including Surana Haveli with 1,111 doors and Sethani Ka Johara stepwell are listed under the National Mission on Cultural Mapping;**
- (d) whether Tal Chappar Blackbuck Sanctuary spread over 719 hectares in Churu has been developed under Swadesh Darshan 2.0; and**
- (e) the details of total funds allocated under PRASHAD, Swadesh Darshan and Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) for Churu district during the last three years and the current year, year-wise?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) and (b): Development and promotion of tourist destinations is primarily undertaken by the respective State Government/ Union Territory (UT) Administration. Ministry of Tourism under its Scheme "Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive" (PRASHAD) provides financial assistance to the State Governments (SGs) and Union Territory Administrations (UTAs) for development of tourism related

infrastructure at identified religious and heritage sites across the country including the State of Rajasthan. This process is undertaken in consultation with State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs).

No proposal is under the consideration of the Ministry of Tourism to include the development of Salasar Balaji Temple under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme. However, 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.

(c): As per the information received from Ministry of Culture, Surana Haveli with 1,111 doors and Sethani Ka Johara stepwell of Churu have been documented under the National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM).

(d) and (e): The Ministry under its various schemes including 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)', 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)' and 'Challenge Based Destination Development – CBDD' (an initiative under Swadesh Darshan scheme) provides financial assistance for development of tourism infrastructure and experiences in the country, on receipt of the project proposals from State Governments/UT Administrations, in synergy with the scheme guidelines, Government directions, availability of funds, inter-se priority etc. The above-mentioned schemes are approved till March, 2026. Presently, no proposal under consideration for development of tourism projects in the Churu District under the above schemes. The details of the projects sanctioned under PRASHAD, SD and SD2.0 schemes in the state of Rajasthan including in Churu is annexed.

In addition, Government of India in 2024-25 under Special assistance to States for capital investment scheme (SASCI)- Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale, sanctioned the project 'Development at Amber-Nahargarh and Surrounding Area in Jaipur' for ₹49.31 Crore and 'Development at Jal Mahal in Jaipur' for ₹96.61 Crore in the State of Rajasthan.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) AND (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5886 ANSWERED ON 30.03.2026 REGARDING INCLUSION OF SALASAR BALAJI TEMPLE, CHURU UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME RAISED BY SHRI RAHUL KASWAN****Details of the projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in the State of Rajasthan**

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. In Crore)
1.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	32.64

Details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan and Swadesh Darshan 2.0 schemes in the state of Rajasthan

Sr. No.	Scheme	Name of the Project	Sanction Amount (Rs. In Crore)
1.	SD1.0	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations	50.01
2.		Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	75.80
3.		Development of Spiritual Circuit- '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)	87.05
4.		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) - Dholpur	70.61

		(Bagh-I-Nilofor and Purani Chawani) - Nagaur (Meera Bai Smarak, Merta) - Tonk (Sunehri Kothi)	
5.	SD2.0	Development works at Shri Khatu Shyam Ji Temple (Sikar)	87.87
6.		Spiritual Experience, Keshavraipatan	21.65
7.		Development Works at Shri Karni mata mandir, Bikaner	22.58
8.		Development of MalaseriDungri, Bhilwara District	48.73
