

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.7
ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026**

PRASAD SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of projects sanctioned, completed and under implementation under the PRASAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive) scheme across the country, State/UT-wise, and particularly in Kallakurichi Lok Sabha Constituency of Tamil Nadu;**
- (b) the details of the total funds allocated, released and utilised under the said scheme during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and district-wise in Tamil Nadu;**
- (c) whether the Government has evaluated the impact of PRASAD projects on tourist inflow, local employment generation and infrastructure improvement at pilgrimage sites;**
- (d) the status of ongoing proposals from Tamil Nadu, including temple towns and heritage pilgrimage centres awaiting approval or funding under the said scheme and the reasons for delay, if any; and**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to expand the PRASAD scheme to cover additional lesser-known pilgrimage destinations to promote balanced religious tourism development, particularly in southern States including Tamil Nadu?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): 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 Tamil Nadu. The details of the total funds sanctioned, released

and utilized under the said scheme, State/UT wise including Tamil Nadu is annexed.

(c): The development of tourism infrastructure and visitor amenities under the PRASHAD scheme is intended to facilitate improved accessibility, better visitor experience and the overall development of pilgrimage destinations.

Ministry of Tourism undertakes third-party impact evaluation of the Central Sector Schemes to assess the outcomes and effectiveness of interventions. As per the Report on Evaluation of Central Sector Scheme PRASHAD by Indian Institute of Management Rohtak in the year 2021, the Scheme has helped in increasing the visitor satisfaction, ease of travel and aesthetical aspects of the selected heritage sites. Also, the report mentioned that the Scheme has led to increase in the positive overall visitor user experience.

(d): Receiving proposals from the State Governments and Union Territory 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.

(e): The PRASHAD scheme provides financial assistance for the development of identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations including lesser-known pilgrimage destinations across the country including Tamil Nadu. Under the scheme, 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 (A) to (B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.7 ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026 REGARDING PRASAD SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU RAISED BY SHRI MALAIYARASAN D****The details of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme****(in ₹Crore)**

S. No.	State	Sanction Year	Project Name	Sanction Amount	Amount Authorized	Amount Utilised	Physical Progress (%)
1	Andhra Pradesh	2015-16	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	27.77	27.77	27.77	100.00
2	Andhra Pradesh	2017-18	Development of Srisailem Temple	43.08	43.08	43.08	100.00
3	Andhra Pradesh	2022-23	Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam Temple	54.04	27.37	27.37	100.00
4	Andhra Pradesh	2024-25	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town	25.33	13.79	6.74	50.16
5	Arunachal Pradesh	2020-21	Development of Parshuram Kund, Lohit Distt.	37.88	31.02	21.95	93.26
6	Assam	2015-16	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in	29.80	29.80	29.80	100.00

			and around Guwahati				
7	Bihar	2015-16	Development at Patna Sahib	29.62	29.62	29.62	100.00
8	Bihar	2014-15	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	3.63	3.63	3.63	100.00
9	Bihar	2024-25	Development of Ambika Bhawani Temple, Saran	13.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Chhattisgarh	2020-21	Development of Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple, Dongargarh, Rajnandgaon District, Chhattisgarh	48.44	40.19	31.94	100.00
11	Goa	2024-25	Development of Bom Jesus Basilica	16.46	5.28	0.00	100
12	Gujarat	2016-17	Development of Dwarka	10.46	10.46	10.46	100.00
13	Gujarat	2016-17	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	45.36	45.36	45.36	100.00
14	Gujarat	2018-19	Development of Promenade at Somnath	47.12	47.12	47.12	100.00
15	Gujarat	2022-23	Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple, Banaskantha, Gujarat	50.00	30.00	27.58	88.64
16	Haryana	2019-20	Development of Mata Mansa Devi Temple and Nada Saheb Gurudwara in Panchkula District	48.53	34.68	34.68	98.43

17	Jammu & Kashmir	2016-17	Development at Hazratbal Shrine, Srinagar	40.46	34.30	34.30	100.00
18	Jharkhand	2018-19	Development of Baba Baidyanath Dham, Deoghar	36.79	34.95	34.95	100.00
19	Karnataka	2023-24	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple, Mysuru	45.38	13.33	0.00	10.88
20	Karnataka	2024-25	Development of Renuka Yallama Devi temple	18.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	Karnataka	2024-25	Development of Basic Amenities at Papnash Temple, Bidar dist.	22.25	6.30	0.00	22.82
22	Kerala	2016-17	Development at Guruvayur Temple	45.19	45.19	45.19	100.00
23	Madhya Pradesh	2020-21	Development of Amarkantak	49.99	42.55	34.63	100.00
24	Madhya Pradesh	2017-18	Development of Omkareshwar	43.93	43.93	43.93	100.00
25	Maharashtra	2017-18	Development of Trimbakeshwar, Nashik	45.41	38.44	38.44	100.00
26	Meghalaya	2020-21	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya	29.29	27.78	27.78	100.00
27	Mizoram	2022-23	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism in the State of Mizoram	44.89	35.54	26.37	85.69
28	Mizoram	2024-25	Development of Basic Amenities under PRASHAD scheme in	5.47	1.56	1.56	37.99

			Vangchhia, Champhai District				
29	Nagaland	2018-19	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland	25.20	23.56	23.56	100.00
30	Nagaland	2022-23	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto	18.18	15.45	15.45	100.00
31	Odisha	2014-15	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham - Ramachandi - Prachi River front at Demuli under Mega Circuit	50.00	10.00	0.0	100.00
32	Puducherry	2024-25	Development of Pilgrim Facilites & Tourist attractions for Sri Dharbaranyesw ara Temple	25.94	0.00	0.00	9.86
33	Punjab	2015-16	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	6.40	6.40	6.40	100.00
34	Punjab	2021-22	Development of Chamkaur Sahib at Rupar, Punjab	30.52	23.80	23.80	97.01
35	Rajasthan	2015-16	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	32.64	26.11	26.11	100.00
36	Sikkim	2020-21	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	33.32	28.31	28.31	100.00
37	Tamil Nadu	2016-17	Development of Kanchipuram	13.99	13.99	13.99	100.00

38	Tamil Nadu	2016-17	Development of Velankanni	4.86	4.86	4.86	100.00
39	Tamil Nadu	2024-25	Development of 8 Navagraha Temples	40.94	11.75	0.00	8.06
40	Telangana	2020-21	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple, Alampur	38.90	33.07	33.07	100.00
41	Telangana	2022-23	Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Mulugu	62.00	32.73	32.73	70.35
42	Telangana	2022-23	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam, Bhadradri Kothagudem District	41.38	16.30	8.43	55.12
43	Telangana	2024-25	Development of Basic Amenities at goddess Renuka Yellama Devasthanam	4.22	1.09	0.00	31.42
44	Tripura	2020-21	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple, Udaipur	34.43	28.01	25.63	95.96
45	Uttar Pradesh	2015-16	Development of Varanasi – Phase –I	18.73	18.73	18.73	100.00
46	Uttar Pradesh	2014-15	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	10.98	10.98	10.98	100.00
47	Uttar Pradesh	2017-18	River Cruise Tourism in Ganga, Varanasi	9.02	9.02	9.02	100.00
48	Uttar Pradesh	2014-15	Construction of Tourist Facilitation	9.36	9.36	9.36	100.00

			Centre at Vrindavan				
49	Uttar Pradesh	2017-18	Development of Varanasi – Phase –II	44.60	35.26	31.77	100.00
50	Uttar Pradesh	2018-19	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	37.59	34.64	30.97	100.00
51	Uttarakhand	2015-16	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	34.77	34.77	34.77	100.00
52	Uttarakhand	2018-19	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham	56.15	41.13	38.38	87.92
53	Uttarakhand	2021-22	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities and Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham	54.36	10.22	10.22	100.00
54	West Bengal	2016-17	Development of Belur Math	30.03	28.30	23.39	100.00
			Total	1726.74	1250.88	1134.18	
