

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2778**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22ND DECEMBER, 2021/ PAUSHA 01, 1943 (SAKA)

DEVELOPMENTAL WORKS IN TERROR-HIT JAMMU & KASHMIR

2778. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jammu & Kashmir Administration has initiated developmental works in a big way to send a good message amongst the people as J&K was paralyzed due to continued terrorism-related activities in the region for quite some time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Administration has taken adequate initiatives to revive tourism, arts and crafts on which the economy of the region was majorly dependant; and

(d) if so, the concrete steps already taken and those which are in the pipeline in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) & (b): The Government has taken several steps to boost development of Jammu & Kashmir. Some of these measures are: -

- i) The progress of projects being implemented in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir under the Prime Minister's Development Package-2015 has been accelerated. 53 projects pertaining to 15 Ministries are being implemented at a cost of Rs.58,477 crores in various sectors such as Roads, Power, Health, Education, Tourism, Agriculture, Skill**

Development etc., out of which 21 projects have been completed/ substantially completed and the remaining 32 projects are at advanced stage of progress.

- ii) A New Central Sector Scheme has been notified on 19/02/2021 for the Industrial Development of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, with an outlay of Rs. 28,400 crores, which is likely to provide employment to over 4.5 lakh people while boosting the industrial development of J&K.**
- iii) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has approved business revival package of Rs. 1,352.99 Crores on 25th September, 2020.**
- iv) Under languishing projects programme, 1192 projects worth Rs.1983.77 crores were completed, including 5 projects which were incomplete for more than 20 years, 15 projects for more than 15 years and 165 projects for more than 10 years.**
- v) J&K has been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) under Swachh Bharat Mission.**
- vi) 100 % saturation has been achieved in 17 Individual beneficiary centric schemes, including Saubhagya, Ujala, Ujjwala and Indradhanush schemes.**
- vii) During the year 2020-21, 1289 road construction works were completed at a cost of Rs.1638 crore. The construction work of 14500**

km of road has been completed so far under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna, which has connected about 2000 places.

- viii) Work is under progress on one All India Institute of Medical Sciences each in Jammu and Kashmir Divisions at the cost of Rs. 2000 crores each besides 7 other medical colleges in the UT of J&K.**
- ix) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu and Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu have been made functional.**
- x) Power projects are being fast tracked and Generation capacity of 2500 MW is to be added by 2025.**
- xi) International flight from Srinagar to Sharjah has been started on 23.10.2021. In addition, night flights from Jammu and Srinagar have also been started.**
- xii) The scope of High Density Plantation Scheme for Apple has been expanded to include Mango, Litchi, Cherry, Walnut etc. Kashmiri Saffron has been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.**
- xiii) Under fast-track recruitment, 20323 posts are being filled by the Jammu & Kashmir Services Selection Board. 2119 selections for Gazetted posts have been made by the Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission in various departments.**

xiv) During the current financial year, 137870 persons have been covered under various self-employment schemes of different government departments.

(c) & (d): Some of the initiatives taken by the Government to revive the Tourism, Arts and Crafts sector in Jammu & Kashmir are: -

Tourism Sector:

- i) The Government has notified Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Policy, 2020 to promote investments in the Tourism Sector.**
- ii) Tourist footfall increased manifold to 92769 in Kashmir Division and to 1363911 in Jammu Division during October, 2021.**
- iii) World Tourism Day was celebrated on 27th September, 2020 across the UT of J&K in which various activities viz Tulip Festival/ Wazwan festival and Badamwari Festival at Srinagar, Pahalgam Festival in Kashmir Division, Dogri Food Festival, Kashmiri Pandit Food Festival, Shivratri Festival and a Grand Musical Event titled “Fulkari” were held in Jammu. Besides, Houseboat Festival, Bhaderwah Festival, Navratra Festival, World Heritage Week, Jammu Mahotsav, Shikara Festival were also held.**
- iv) Road shows were organized in major cities like Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Indore, Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Raipur, New Delhi, Kolkata, Amritsar, Bengaluru, Varanasi, Lucknow etc. In order to**

promote tourism in the UT of J&K. Govt. of J&K also participated in Tourism Marts at Jammu, Amritsar, Kolkata, Delhi etc.

- v) A rigorous promotional campaign was carried out through print, electronic and digital media besides wide publicity at various Airports, Railway stations and promotion through In-flight media.**
- vi) In collaboration with Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), the J&K Tourism organized an event titled *“Tapping the Tourism Potential of Kashmir-Another Day in Paradise”* in April, 2021.**
- vii) As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, various Festivals/Events such as Iconic Week Celebrations titled the Spirit of J&K were organized from 23rd to 29th October, 2021. This included a Sufi festival, a Houseboat festival, literary festival and events showcasing Art, culture and cuisine of J&K.**
- viii) 75 lesser known/off beat destinations have been identified for development with proper infrastructure and requisite facilities for tourists as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.**
- ix) Vaccination drive was carried out with wide publicity in which more than 90% stakeholders have been vaccinated. Besides, various capacity building programmes for tourism Service Providers were**

organized regarding adherence to Covid-19 protocols across the UT for ensuring safety of tourists as well as service providers.

- x) In order to give a fillip to Golf Tourism, a Golf Academy for the youngsters has been launched at Kashmir Golf Course (KGC), Srinagar. A Golf Tournament was conducted on 24th – 25th July, 2021 at KGC. Besides, several other Golf Tournaments have been planned at various Golf Courses in J&K.**
- xi) The Project for Development of Hazaratbal shrine has been substantially completed. Besides, development of three pilgrim circuits namely: (i) Shiv Khori-Uttar Behni-Purmandal Mata Sukhrala Devi (ii) Shankaracharya - Mata Khir Bhawani- Mattan (iii) Makhdoom Sahib-Khanqah-e-Moula-Watlab-Babareshi-Pakharpora-Aishmuqam and a plan for the development of Katra have been taken up.**

Arts and Crafts Sectors:

- i) 24 Karkhanas established under the Karkhandar Scheme.**
- ii) 2809 cases sponsored for credit facilities under the Artisans credit card Scheme in the year 2021-22.**
- iii) State Awards were distributed among the Artisans in different Crafts.**
- iv) 1240 cases were sponsored under the MUDRA Scheme for the year 2021-22.**

- v) National/International level webinars and workshops on topics like packaging, publicity/branding and dyeing have been organised during the year 2021-22 for revival of the Crafts.**
- vi) Announcement of 10% subsidy to products for exports.**
- vii) Promotion and strengthening of GI certified products.**
- viii) Regional, National and International exhibitions have been organised to clear the piled up stock of the Artisans.**
- ix) Departmental training centres have been reformed to bring life to the Crafts which are on the verge of extinction.**
- x) Creating International market linkage for Artisans of J&K.**
