

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 448 #
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RELIGIOUS TOURISM IN MITHILA

448# SMT. DHARMSHILA GUPTA:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Baba Kusheshwar Sthan, Shyama Maai Mandir, Nawada Bhagwati Sthan, Ahilya Sthan, Gautam Sthan, Girija Sthan, Phulhar and Baba Vidyapati's birthplace Bisfi are ancient historical and religious pilgrimage sites of Mithila; and
- (b) whether Government proposes new employment opportunities by including these pilgrimage sites in the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) scheme and by developing them as tourist destinations, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): Ministry of Tourism under its PRASHAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive) Scheme aims to develop infrastructure at pre-identified religious and heritage sites across the country. Through the PRASHAD Scheme's interventions, indirect and direct employment opportunities are created.

To date, the Ministry of Tourism has not sanctioned any project under its PRASHAD Scheme at Mithila. However, the Ministry has sanctioned two projects: 'Development of Patna Sahib' and 'Development of Basic Facilities at Vishnupad Temple' in Bihar and two sites, 'Simariya Ghat, Begusarai District' and 'Aami Mandir, Saran District,' have been identified for development under the PRASHAD Scheme in Bihar.
