

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1744#
ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025

PRASHAD SCHEME

1744# SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

- (a) the details of the amount allocated and spent under PRASHAD scheme during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the number of pilgrimage sites where infrastructure has been improved under the PRASHAD scheme, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of special improvements made to facilitate access to pilgrimage sites for elderly and disabled pilgrims?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): The Ministry of Tourism under the “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive” (PRASHAD) provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure at identified pilgrimage destinations.

The details of the amount allocated and spent under PRASHAD scheme during the last three years, year-wise; is given below:

(In Rs. Crore)

Year	Budget Estimate (BE)	Revised Estimates (RE)	Expenditure
2022-23	235	234	91.5
2023-24	250	200	125.90
2024-25	240	100	87.1*

* estimated.

(b): The details of the physically completed projects under the PRASHAD scheme, where infrastructure has been improved, is given in the annexure.

(c): The Ministry of Tourism under its PRASHAD Scheme has sanctioned universal accessibility features including ramps, railings, dedicated wheelchair-accessible facilities, provisions for e-vehicles and lifts, etc. to facilitate accessibility to pilgrimage sites for elderly and disabled pilgrims.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1744# ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025 REGARDING PRASHAD SCHEME RAISED BY SHRI SANJAY SINGH

Details of the physically completed projects under the PRASHAD scheme

State/ UT	S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost (in Rs. Crore)
Andhra Pradesh	1.	Development of Pilgrim Amenities at Amaravati	2015-16	27.77
	2.	Development of Srisailem Temple	2017-18	43.08
Assam	3.	Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Kamakhya Temple	2015-16	29.80
Bihar	4.	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62
	5.	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple	2014-15	3.63
Gujarat	6.	Development of Dwarka	2016-17	10.46
	7.	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	2016-17	45.36
	8.	Development of Promenade at Somnath	2018-19	47.12
Jammu and Kashmir	9.	Development at Hazratbal Shrine	2016-17	40.46
Jharkhand	10.	Development of Baba Baidya Nath Dham	2018-19	36.79
Kerala	11.	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	45.19
Madhya Pradesh	12.	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	43.93
Meghalaya	13.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Nongswalia Church, Nartiang Shakti Peeth, Aitnar Pool and Charantala Kali Temple	2020-21	29.29
Nagaland	14.	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Molungkimong, Noksen Church, Aizuto, Wokha and Kohima	2018-19	25.20
Punjab	15.	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	2015-16	6.40
Rajasthan	16.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64
Tamil Nadu	17.	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99
	18.	Development of Velankanni	2016-17	4.86
Uttar Pradesh	19.	Development of Varanasi –Phase –I	2015-16	18.73
	20.	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98
	21.	Development of River Cruise Tourism at Varanasi	2017-18	9.02
	22.	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan	2014-15	9.36
	23.	Development of Varanasi – Phase II	2017-18	44.60
	24.	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	2018-19	37.59
Uttarakhand	25.	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.77
	26.	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities at Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham	2021-22	54.36
West Bengal	27.	Development of Belur Math	2016-17	30.03
