

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2477
ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026**

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST DESTINATION OF BHIND AND DATIA

†2477. SMT. SANDHYA RAY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of projects approved under the Government schemes for the development of prominent religious, historical and cultural sites in Madhya Pradesh, specifically in Bhind and Datia, including Shri Pitambara Peeth (Datia), Sonagiri Jain Tirtha, Ratangarh Mata Mandir, Ater Fort, Vankhandeshwar Mahadev Temple, Gauri Sarovar, Dandraua Dham (Hanuman Ji) and other tourist destinations, scheme-wise along with funds approved, allocated and status of projects completed and ongoing since the year 2014 to till date; and**
- (b) the details of expenditure incurred on the said projects since 2014, year-wise and the works undertaken to increase tourist's footfall at each of the said sites?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): The development and promotion of tourist destinations and tourism products is primarily undertaken by the respective State Government/ Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism, under its various schemes such as Swadesh Darshan (SD), Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0), Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) and Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) supplements the efforts of the States/UTs by providing financial assistance for the development of tourism related infrastructure and experiences across the country including religious, historical and cultural sites in Madhya Pradesh.

The details of projects including amount sanctioned, authorized, utilized and physical status under the aforementioned schemes in the State of Madhya Pradesh is placed at Annexure.

The Ministry of Tourism through its Central Sector Schemes has sanctioned various interventions such as tourist information centre, queue management complex, waiting halls, cloak room, widening of approach roads, CCTVs for pilgrim safety, foot-over bridges, parking, basic amenities such as toilets, dustbins, drinking water facilities and other site development works across the country for improving and upgrading overall tourist experience. The projects executed under the aforementioned scheme ensures development of tourism infrastructure and experiences in a holistic and sustainable manner with the objective of boosting tourism and increasing tourist footfall.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (A) AND (B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2477 ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST DESTINATION OF BHIND AND DATIA RAISED BY SMT. SANDHYA RAY

The details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Madhya Pradesh:

Amount (In ₹ Crore)					
S. No.	Circuit	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Utilized	Physical Progress/ Status
1.	Wildlife	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna-Mukundpur-Sanjay-Dubri-Bandhavgarh-Kanha- Mukki- Pench	92.10	86.31	Physically Completed
2.	Buddhist	Development of Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar	74.02	72.75	
3.	Heritage	Development of Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu	89.82	89.49	
4.	Eco	Development of Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam-Omkareshwar Dam-Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam-Bargi Dam-Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam-Ken River	93.76	93.59	

The details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in Madhya Pradesh:

Amount (In ₹ Crore)					
S. No.	Destination	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Authorized for	Physical Progress/ Status

				Utilization	
1.	Chitrakoot	Spiritual experience at Chitrakoot	27.22	13.61	51.06%
2.	Gwalior	Phoolbagh Experience Zone	16.74	8.37	45.92%
3.	Datia	Development of Pitambara Peeth Datia	44.24	22.12	28.95%

The details of projects sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme in Madhya Pradesh:

Amount (In ₹ Crore)

S. No.	Destination /Category	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Authorized for Utilization	Physical Progress/ Status
1.	Orchha (Spiritual Tourism)	Orchha A Medieval Splendour 2.0	25.00	12.50	18.36%
2.	Mandu (Culture & Heritage)	Mandu-A Medieval Wonder	24.88	12.44	12.49%

The details of projects sanctioned under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme in Madhya Pradesh:

Amount (In ₹ Crore)

S.No.	Name of Project	Amount Sanctioned Amount	Amount Authorized for Utilization	Physical Progress/ Status
1.	Development of Amarkantak	49.99	34.63	Physically Completed
2.	Development of Omkareshwar	43.93	43.93	
