

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3665
ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026**

**DEVELOPMENT OF DADHICHI KUND AND
NAIMISHARANYA-MISRIKH SITES**

†3665. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Union and the State Governments to develop the penance site of Maharshi Dadhichi (Dadhichi Kund) and the Naimisharanya-Misrikh pilgrimage site into a major international religious tourism hub;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the budget released for this purpose so far; and**
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to develop such pilgrimage site at the national level?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

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

The details of the project sanctioned under the aforementioned schemes in the State of Uttar Pradesh including Naimisaranya and Mishrikh are placed at annexure.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) to (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3665 ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF DADHICHI KUND AND NAIMISHARANYA-MISRIKH SITE RAISED BY SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT**

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

Amount (₹ In Crore)

S No.	Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Authorized for Utilization	Status
1.	2015-16	Development of Varanasi – Phase –I	18.73	18.73	Completed
2.	2014-15	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	10.98	10.98	Completed
3.	2017-18	River Cruise Tourism in Ganga, Varanasi	9.02	9.02	Completed
4.	2014-15	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan	9.36	9.36	Completed
5.	2017-18	Development of Varanasi – Phase –II	44.60	31.77	Physically Completed
6.	2018-19	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	37.59	30.97	Physically Completed

The details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Uttar Pradesh

Amount (₹ In Crore)

S No.	Circuit/ Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Authorized for Utilization	Status
1.	Buddhist 2016-17	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	87.89	68.43	Completed
2.	Ramayana 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45	56.03	Completed
3.	Spiritual 2016-17	Development of Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh Kausambi-Mirzapur-Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj-Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-Kairana-Baghpat-Shahjahanpur	71.91	69.63	Completed
4.	Spiritual 2016-17	Development of Bijnor-Meerut-Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur -Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh-Bhadohi	67.51	63.62	Completed
5.	Heritage	Development of	36.65	36.65	Completed

	2016-17	Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mahuar shaheed Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)			
6.	Ramayana 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21	113.22	Completed
7.	Spiritual 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda	12.03	11.43	Completed
8.	Spiritual 2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	18.30	18.12	Completed

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

Amount (₹ In Crore)

S No .	Destination	Name of the Project	Sanction Year	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Authorized for Utilization	Status
1.	Naimisaranya	Vedic-wellness Experience	05.03. 2024	17.8	-	Physical Progress is 0.00%
2.	Prayagraj	Azad Park and Dekho Prayagraj Trail	05.03. 2024	14.52	1.45	Physical Progress is 12.45%

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

Amount (₹ In Crore)

S No.	Destination/ Category	Name of the Project	Sanction Year	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Authorized for Utilization	Status
1.	Mahoba (Culture & Heritage)	Development of Cultural Landscape at Mahoba	27.03.2025	24.98	2.50	Physical Progress is 11.14%
