

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1248**  
ANSWERED ON 02.07.2019

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BIRTHPLACE OF SITA**

†1248. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

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

- (a) whether the birthplace of Sita situated at Punaura (Sitamarhi, Bihar) is being developed as a tourism place under the development of Ramayana Circuit;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) the details of the amount sanctioned by Government for the development of tourism area of the birthplace of Sita at Punaura under the development of Ramayana Circuit including the amount sanctioned and released and details of the work completed; and
- (d) the details of the amount sanctioned by Government of Bihar for development of tourism area of birthplace of Sita at Punaura including the amount sanctioned and released and details of work completed?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c): Ramayana Circuit is one of the fifteen thematic circuits identified for development under the Swadesh Darshan scheme of Ministry of Tourism. The Ministry has initially identified fifteen destinations including Sitamarhi, Bihar for development under the Ramayana Circuit theme namely Ayodhya, Nandigram, Shringverpur & Chitrakoot (Uttar Pradesh), Sitamarhi, Buxar & Darbhanga (Bihar), Chitrakoot (Madhya Pradesh), Mahendragiri (Odisha), Jagdalpur (Chattisgarh), Nashik & Nagpur (Maharashtra), Bhadrachalam (Telangana), Hampi (Karnataka) and Rameshwaram (Tamil Nadu).

The projects for development under the scheme are identified in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

The Ministry of Tourism has not sanctioned any project for the development of tourism infrastructure in Punaura, Bihar.

(d): The details of projects sanctioned by the Government of Bihar for development of Punaura, Bihar are given at the Annexure.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1248 ANSWERED ON 02.07.2019 REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BIRTHPLACE OF SITA.**

**(Rs. in lakh)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Year of sanction</b>	<b>Name of project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Works undertaken in the project</b>
1.	2007-08	Development of Punaura Dham	20.29	Restoration of premises, development of public amenities, electrification and illumination
2.	2009-10	Development of Punaura Dham Temple and Haleshwar Sthaan	108.70	Development of public amenities, drinking water facility, site development, parking etc.
3.	2011-12	Construction of Open Discourse Hall at Punaura Dham	270.41	Construction of discourse hall
4.	2018-19	Development of Tourist amenities and Beautification of Punaura Dham	1067.67	Development of Tourist amenities and Beautification of Punaura Dham

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