

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2686
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FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SPIRITUAL CIRCUITS IN ODISHA

2686. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering to sanction funds for the development and to promote tourism for the spiritual circuits of Odisha in Akhandalamani Temple, Biraja Temple, Sarala Pitha and Baladev Jew in Kendrapada district of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the proposed amount of funds to be sanctioned; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism, under the schemes of Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD, provides financial assistance to State Governments/ Union Territory (UT) Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure in the country. Upon receipt of project proposals from the State Governments/ UT Administrations, the projects are sanctioned subject to their adherence to the scheme guidelines, submission of suitable detailed project reports, availability of funds and utilization of funds released earlier.

Based on the above, the Ministry has sanctioned the following projects to the State of Odisha under the above schemes:-

(Rs. in crore)			
Sr. No.	Scheme/ Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	PRASHAD 2014-15	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree JagannathDham- Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	50.00
2.	Swadesh Darshan 2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara as Coastal circuit in Odisha.	76.49

No project has been sanctioned by the Ministry for the State of Odisha under Spiritual Circuit theme of the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.
