

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3484
ANSWERED ON 23.07.2019

SETTING UP OF TOURIST CIRCUITS

3484. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:

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

- (a) whether in the President's Address for the year 2014, it was mentioned that fifty Tourist Circuits in the country would be developed; and
- (b) if so, how many out of 50 Tourist Circuits, promised by Government have become operational?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (b): Pursuant to the Budget Announcements of 2014-15, Ministry of Tourism launched the Swadesh Darshan Scheme in January 2015 for development of tourist circuits in the country. Under the scheme fifteen thematic circuits have been identified for development namely; North-East Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit, Heritage Circuit, Sufi Circuit, and Tirthankar Circuit. Since its launch the Ministry as on date has sanctioned 77 projects worth projects for Rs.6093.08 Crore covering 30 States and UTs. The work on the above projects is under various stages of implementation/completion.
