

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3565  
ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019**

**DEVELOPMENT OF KRISHNA CIRCUIT**

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

- (a) whether the Government is running a Swadesh Darshan Yojana for developing religious tourism in the country under which Krishna Circuit is being developed in which focus is being given on removing infrastructural shortcomings, improvement in connectivity, skill development and training as well as security and safety of tourists;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the development of the Krishna Circuit is going on and as per target set, it is likely to be completed within the stipulated time-frame; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme-Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuits is developing tourism infrastructure in the identified circuits across the country, having tourism potential, in a planned and prioritized manner. The projects under the scheme are sanctioned with the objective of improving connectivity and infrastructure of tourism destinations to enrich overall tourist experience and enhance employment opportunities.**

**Under the scheme, fifteen thematic circuits have been identified for development including themes covering all the religious/spiritual sites in the country. Krishna circuit is one of the**

**thematic circuits identified for development under the above scheme. The National Committee on Krishna Circuit has identified twelve destinations for development under Krishna Circuit, namely, Dwarka (Gujarat); Nathdwara, Jaipur & Sikar (Rajasthan); Kurukshetra (Haryana), Mathura, Vrindavan, Gokul, Barsana, Nandgaon & Govardhan (Uttar Pradesh) and Puri (Odisha) and the concerned State Governments were advised to submit proposals for these destinations. Based on proposals received from the State Governments, the Ministry has sanctioned the following two projects under Krishna Circuit –**

**(Rs. in crore)**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>State/ Year</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amt. Released</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Haryana 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra.</b>	<b>97.35</b>	<b>70.60</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Rajasthan 2016-17</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)</b>	<b>91.45</b>	<b>45.72</b>

**In addition to the above, the Ministry is developing tourism infrastructure at identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations under its PRASHAD Scheme. Mathura, Puri and Dwarka have also been identified for development under this Scheme. The details of projects sanctioned by the Ministry for these sites are as below:**

**(Rs. in crore)**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Project Name/ Year</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amt. Released</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II) (2014-15)</b>	<b>14.93</b>	<b>10.38</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura</b>	<b>9.36</b>	<b>7.36</b>

	<b>(2014-15)</b>		
<b>3.</b>	<b>Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham-Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit (2014-15)</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Development of Dwarka (2016-17)</b>	<b>26.23</b>	<b>6.85</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh (2018-19)</b>	<b>39.74</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**All the projects are at various stages of implementation/ completion**

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