

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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**DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGIOUS TOURISM UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN
SCHEME**

†447. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

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

- (a) whether construction work is underway on various religious tourism circuit areas of the country which are related to tourism under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether work on Ramayana Circuit being developed under Religious Tourism circuit is going on expected lines and whether the construction of Ramayana Circuit's work is scheduled to be completed within the fixed time-line; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) and (b): Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme- Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuits is developing tourism infrastructure in the circuits, across the country, having tourist potential in a planned and prioritized manner. Under the scheme fifteen thematic circuits have been identified including themes covering religious sites for development, namely: Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Tirthankar Circuit, Buddhist Circuit and Sufi Circuit.

The projects under the scheme are identified for development 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. Submission of project proposals by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations under the scheme is a continuous process.

(c) and (d): Ramayana Circuit is one of the fifteen thematic circuits identified for development under the Scheme. The details of projects sanctioned under the theme are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)			
S. No.	State/ Sanction Year	Project	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	Uttar Pradesh (2016-17)	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45
2.	Uttar Pradesh (2017-18)	Development of Ayodhya	133.31

The projects have timeline of 36 months and work is in progress under both the projects.
