

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†451**  
ANSWERED ON 25.06.2019

**DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOURIST SPOTS**

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Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state the details of new tourism centres brought under the ambit of tourism development in the last three years and the State-wise details of the twenty busiest tourism centres of the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
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Identification and development of tourist sites/destinations/centres is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration. However, Ministry of Tourism under the Schemes of Swadesh Darshan and the PRASHAD (National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive) provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for the development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities to provide an enriching tourism experience to visitors. Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme 15 theme based circuits have been identified for development. Under the PRASHAD Scheme, 41 religious sites in 25 States have been identified for development. List of projects sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD Schemes during last three years is given at **Annexure-I**.

Destination wise tourist data is not maintained. However, ranking of the States based on domestic and foreign tourist data in 2016 & 2017 as provided by the State governments is given at **Annexure-II**.

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**ANNEXURE-I**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†451 ANSWERED ON 25.06.2019 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOURIST SPOTS.**

**Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Name of the Circuit</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>
<b>Year 2016-17</b>			
1.	Goa	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail) in Goa.
2.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourism Infrastructure Projects in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.
3.	Telangana	Tribal Circuit	Integrated Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram-Medavaram- Tadvai- Damaravi- Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls as Tribal Circuit in Telangana.
4.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng-Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort, Meghalaya.
5.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar in Madhya Pradesh.
6.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.
7.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit – Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple, Manipur.
8.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit in Ahmedabad-Rajkot- Porbandar –Bardoli- Dandi in Gujarat.
9.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra, Haryana.
10.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit	Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand) in Rajasthan.
11.	Sikkim	North East circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam–Maka- Temi-Bermoik Tokel- Phongia- Namchi – Jorthang- Okharey- Sombaria-Daramdin- Jorethang-Melli (Exit) in Sikkim.
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit (Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu) Madhya Pradesh
13.	Kerala	Spiritual	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula-

		Circuit	Sabrimala-as a Spiritual Circuit in Kerala
14.	Bihar	Tirthankar circuit	Development of Tirthankar Circuit: Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri in Bihar.
15.	Bihar	Spiritual circuit	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar under Spiritual circuit in Bihar.
16.	Odisha	Coastal circuit	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara as Coastal circuit in Odisha.
17.	Nagaland	Tribal circuit	Development of Tribal circuit (Mokokchung– Tuensang-Mon) in Nagaland
18.	Uttarakhand	Heritage circuit	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region – Katarmal –Jogeshwar-Baijnath- Devidhura in Uttarakhand.
19.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama under Himalayan Circuit theme in J&K.
20.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities under the Construction of Assets in lieu of those Destroyed in Floods in 2014 under PM Development Package for J&K
21.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai- Sudhmahadev- Patnitop under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.
22.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Anantnag- Kishtwar- Pahalgam – Daksum – Ranjit Sagar Dam under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.
23.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla-Kupwara-Leh Circuit under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.
24.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit – Sravasti, Kushinagar, &Kapilvastu in Uttar Pradesh.
25.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur as Ramayana Circuit in Uttar Pradesh
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Long Island-Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair) in Andaman & Nicobar under Coastal thematic circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.
27.	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Chennai- Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari) in Tamil Nadu under Swadesh Darshan Scheme
28.	Uttar	Spiritual	Development of Spiritual Circuit (Shahjahanpur-

	Pradesh	Circuit	Basti- Ahar-Aligarh-Kasgunj-Sarosi-Pratapgarh- Unnao-Kaushambi- Mirzapur-Gorakpur- Kairana- Doamriyagunj- Bagpat-Barabanki- Azamgarh)
29.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit –II(Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi) in Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme
30.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit(Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- MarharDham (SantKabir Nagar)- ChauriChaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mavahar Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut) in Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme
31.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya, Bihar
32.	Assam	Heritage Circuit	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar as Heritage Circuit in Assam under Swadesh Darshan scheme
33.	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra, Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba
34.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl - Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Durtlang – Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawng -Tuerial Airfield – Hmuifang under Eco circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme
35.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit– Churu (Salasar Balaji)– Jaipur (Shri Samode Balaji, Ghat ke Balaji, Bandhe ke Balaji)- Alwar (Pandupole Hanumanji, Bharathari)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) – MehandipurBalaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji) in Rajasthan under Swadesh Darshan scheme
36.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage circuit: Vadnagar- Modhera and Patan in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan Scheme
<b>Year 2017-18</b>			
37.	Bihar	Rural Circuit	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia in Bihar under Rural Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme
38.	Goa	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek - Don Paula -Colva - Benaulim in Goa under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

39.	Gujarat	Buddhist circuit	Development of Buddhist circuit: Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan scheme
40.	Puducherry	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit in Puducherry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.
41.	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit in Puducherry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme
42.	Rajasthan	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit (Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort)- Jaipur (Nahargarh Fort)- Alwar (BalaQuila)- Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore Fort and Khandar Fort)- Jhalawar (Gagron Fort)- Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) Jaisalmer (JaisalmerFort) Hanumangarh (Kalibangan, Bhatner Fort and Gogamedi)- Jalore (Jalore Fort)- Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra)- Dholpur (Bagh-i-Nilofar and Purani Chawni)- Nagaur(Meera Bai Smarak) in Rajasthan under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.
43.	Telangana	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit: Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb in Telangana under Swadesh Darshan Scheme
44.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh under Spiritual Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.
45.	Madhya Pradesh	Eco Circuit	Development of Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River under Eco circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme
46.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Ayodhya under Ramayana Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme
47.	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Thotlakonda- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda- Amravati- Anupu in Andhra Pradesh under the theme of Buddhist Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme
<b>Year 2018-19</b>			
48.	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh- Telankhandi- Girad in Maharashtra
49.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida- Khurja-Banda in Uttar Pradesh
50.	Jharkhand	Eco Circuit	Development of Eco Circuit: Dalma- Chandil- Getalsud- Betla national park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat in Jharkhand
51.	Tripura	North East	Development of North East circuit: Surma Cherra-

		circuit	Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati-Bhunaneshwari-Matabari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chotta khola-Pilak- Avangchaarra in Tripura
52.	Punjab	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit: Anandpur Sahib – Fatehgarh Sahib – Chamkaur Sahib – Ferozpur – Amritsar – Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour - Patiala in Punjab
53.	Kerala	Rural Circuit	Development of Rural Circuit: Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project in Kerala
54.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram-Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania-Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam
55.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Kasaragod, Wayanad, Kannur, Kozhikode, Palakkad, Mallapuram, Thrichur, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam, Allaphuza, Pathananamithitta, Kollam, Trivandrum
56.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw-Krem Tiro - Khudoi & Kohmang Falls – Khri River-Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmang- Iooksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)
57.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Gorakhnath Temple(Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)

### PRASHAD Scheme

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project
<b>Year 2016-17</b>		
1	Gujarat	Development of Dwarka
2	Gujarat	Pilgrimage amenities at Somnath
3	Jammu & Kashmir	Development at Hazratbal
4	Kerala	Development at Guruvayur Temple
5	Tamilnadu	Development of Kanchipuram
6	Tamilnadu	Development of Vellankani
7	West Bengal	Development of Belur
<b>Year 2017-18</b>		
8	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Omkareshwar
9	Uttar Pradesh	Cruise Tourism in River Ganga, Varanasi
10	Maharashtra	Development of Trimbakeshwar
11	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi Under Prashad Scheme - II
12	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Srisailam Temple

<b>Year 2018-19</b>		
13	Uttarakhand	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham (Uttarakhand) under PRASHAD Scheme
14	Gujarat	Development of Promenade at Somnath
15	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Govardhan, Mathura, UP
16	Jharkhand	Development of Baidyanathji Dham, Deoghar
17	Nagaland	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland

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## STATE/UT-WISE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN TOURIST VISITS, 2016-17

S. No.	State/ UT	2016		2017(P)		Growth Rate		Rank 2017	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	DTV's	FTV's
1	Andaman & Nicobar Island	384552	15466	471919	15313	22.7	-1.0	30	27
2	Andhra Pradesh	153163354	341764	165433898	271362	8.0	-20.6	4	15
3	Arunachal Pradesh	385875	6598	444005	7147	15.1	8.3	31	29
4	Assam	5160599	19456	6052667	21760	17.3	11.8	22	26
5	Bihar	28516127	1010531	32414063	1082705	13.7	7.1	14	9
6	Chandigarh	1182504	31549	1425781	31832	20.6	0.9	25	25
7	Chhattisgarh	16534471	9220	12231935	6655	-26.0	-27.8	20	30
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	589074	1891	614182	1908	4.3	0.9	29	34
9	Daman & Diu	826201	5669	858131	5535	3.9	-2.4	28	31
10	Delhi *	28460832	2520083	29114423	2740502	2.3	8.7	15	4
11	Goa	5650061	680683	6895234	842220	22.0	23.7	21	10
12	Gujarat	42252909	343752	48343121	448853	14.4	30.6	9	13
13	Haryana	7382995	331291	6050325	193381	-18.1	-41.6	23	17
14	Himachal Pradesh	17997750	452770	19130541	470992	6.3	4.0	16	12
15	Jharkhand	33389286	169442	33723185	170987	1.0	0.9	13	18
16	J&K	9414579	63207	14235473	79765	51.2	26.2	18	22
17	Karnataka	129762600	461752	179980191	498148	38.7	7.9	3	11
18	Kerala	13172536	1038419	14673520	1091870	11.4	5.1	17	8
19	Lakshadweep	8716	753	6620	1027	-24.0	36.4	36	36
20	Madhya Pradesh	150490339	363195	78038522	359119	-48.1	-1.1	8	14
21	Maharashtra *	116515801	4670049	119191539	5078514	2.3	8.7	5	1
22	Manipur	150638	3064	153454	3497	1.9	14.1	33	33
23	Meghalaya	830887	8476	990856	12051	19.3	42.2	27	28
24	Mizoram	67238	942	67772	1155	0.8	22.6	34	35
25	Nagaland	58178	3260	63362	4166	8.9	27.8	35	32
26	Odisha	12842766	76361	14011229	100014	9.1	31.0	19	21
27	Puducherry	1398289	117437	1531972	131407	9.6	11.9	24	20
28	Punjab	38703326	659736	40293352	1108635	4.1	68.0	11	7
29	Rajasthan	41495115	1513729	45916573	1609963	10.7	6.4	10	5
30	Sikkim	747343	66012	1375854	49111	84.1	-25.6	26	24
31	Tamil Nadu	343812413	4721978	345061140	4860455	0.4	2.9	1	2
32	Telangana	95160830	166570	85266596	251846	-10.4	51.2	6	16
33	Tripura	370618	36780	398669	69899	7.6	90.0	32	23
34	Uttar Pradesh	213544204	3156812	233977619	3556204	9.6	12.7	2	3
35	Uttarakhand	30505363	117106	34359989	133725	12.6	14.2	12	19
36	West Bengal	74460250	1528700	79687645	1574915	7.0	3.0	7	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1615388619</b>	<b>24714503</b>	<b>1652485357</b>	<b>26886638</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Source: State/ Union Territory Tourism Departments.

\*: Estimated using all India Growth rate; P: Provisional

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