

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†220
ANSWERED ON 18.11.2019**

DEVELOPMENT OF SITAMARHI

†220. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop Sitamarhi in Bihar as a tourist spot of national level;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the initiatives taken so far in this regard; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Ministry of Tourism under the Schemes of Swadesh Darshan – Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuits and PRASHAD- National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive provides central financial assistance to State Governments/ UT Administrations for the development of tourism infrastructure in the country.

The projects under the above schemes are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/ UT 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. Ministry has identified Sitamarhi as one of the fifteen destination for development under the Ramayana Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan scheme.

The details of project sanctioned to the State of Bihar under Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD schemes are as follows:

			(Rs. in crore)
S. No.	Scheme/ Year of Sanction	Name of the project	Amount Sanctioned
1	Swadesh Darshan (2016-17)	Development of Tirthankar Circuit: Vaishali-Arrah-Masad-Patna-Rajgir-Pawapuri-Champapuri as Tirthankar circuit	52.39
2	Swadesh Darshan (2016-17)	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj - Dharmshala-Deoghar under Spiritual circuit	52.35
3	Swadesh Darshan (2016-17)	Construction of Cultural Centre at Bodhgaya Under Buddhist Circuit	98.73
4	Swadesh Darshan (2017-18)	Development of Rural (Gandhi) Circuit: Bhitiharwa - Chandrahia - Turkaulia	44.65
5	Swadesh Darshan (2017-18)	Dvelopment of Mandar Development Hill & Ang Pradesh under Spiritual Circuit	53.49
6.	PRASHAD (2014-15)	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya	4.27
7.	PRASHAD (2015-16)	Development of Patna Sahib	41.54
Total			347.42
