

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2252
ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019**

BASIC INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES AT ANCIENT TEMPLES

2252. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:

SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

SHRI SELVAM G.:

SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are many ancient temples in the country which attract a lot of domestic and foreign tourists but lack in providing basic infrastructure facilities affecting tourism adversely;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any plan to provide basic infrastructure facilities in these famous ancient temples in the country;**
- (c) the quantum of funds allocated under Tourism Development Fund to States/Union Territories during each of the last three years and the current year;**
- (d) whether the Government has initiated new projects and programmes to attract tourists in the country,**
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the details of towns and regions declared as heritage throughout the country State/UT-wise along with the salient features of the heritage towns as per existing norms?**

ANSWER

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b) and (c): Development of Tourist places/Pilgrimage Centres is the responsibility of respective State Government/UT. Ministry of Tourism, under the schemes viz., Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and "Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuit in the Country, Swadesh Darshan (SD)" provides Central Financial Assistance for infrastructure development and beautification of Tourist Places/Pilgrimage Centres on receipt of suitable DPRs submitted by State Governments/Union Territories, subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilisation certificate against the fund released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines.

Details of the projects sanctioned under the scheme and funds released to State Governments/UTs is annexed.

(d) to (f): As per the information received from Archaeological Survey of India (A.S.I.), they maintain 3691 centrally protected monuments/sites including temples all over the country, out of which certain temples attracts lot of domestic and foreign tourist. ASI takes steps to provide visitor facilities like drinking water, toilet blocks, facilities for differently-abled, pathways, cultural notice boards/signage, vehicle parking, cloak rooms, etc. at World Heritage Monuments, ticketed monuments, other important monuments where footfall is very high. Further, it is observed the increase in number of visitors at ASI monuments.

Providing tourist amenities/facilities at protected monuments where such facilities are not available and upgrading existing facilities is a continuous phenomenon.

The expenditure on providing tourist facilities or upgrading existing facilities is made out from allotted budget of ASI."

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) AND (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2252 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019 REGARDING BASIC INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES AT ANCIENT TEMPLES****A. Details of projects sanctioned under the PRASHAD Scheme****Rs. in Crore**

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project	Project Cost	Amount Released
Year 2014-15				
1	BIHAR	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	4.27	2.91
2	ODISHA	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree JagannathDham-Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	50.00	10.00
3	UTTAR PRADESH	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	14.93	10.38
4	UTTAR PRADESH	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura	9.36	7.36
Year 2015-16				
5	ANDHRA PRADESH	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	28.36	22.69
6	ASSAM	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	30.71	22.03
7	BIHAR	Development at Patna Sahib	41.54	33.23
8	PUNJAB	Development of KarunaSagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	6.40	6.40
9	RAJASTHAN	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	32.64	26.11
10	UTTARAKHAND	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	34.78	27.83

11	UTTAR PRADESH	Development of Varanasi	20.40	16.32
	Year 2016-17			
12	GUJARAT	Development of Dwarka	26.23	6.85
13	GUJARAT	Pilgrimage amenities at Somnath	37.44	29.95
14	JAMMU & KASHMIR	Development at Hazratbal,	42.02	25.45
15	KERALA	Development at Guruvayur Temple	46.14	36.91
16	TAMILNADU	Development of Kanchipuram	16.48	13.18
17	TAMILNADU	Development of Vellankani	5.60	4.48
18	WEST BENGAL	Development of Belur	30.03	23.39
	Year 2017-18			
19	MADHYA PRADESH	Development of Omkareshwar	40.67	28.33
20	UTTAR PRADESH	Cruise Tourism in River Ganga, Varanasi	10.72	5.14
21.	MAHARASHTRA	Development of Trimbakeshwar	37.81	8.49
22	UTTAR PRADESH	Development of Varanasi Under Prashad Scheme - II	44.60	18.46
23	ANDHRA PRADESH	Development of Srisailam Temple in Andhra Pradesh under PRASHAD scheme	47.45	37.96
	Year 2018-19			
24	UTTARAKHAND	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham (Uttarakhand)	39.24	11.77
25	Gujrat	Development of Promenade at Somnath,	44.59	23.49
26	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Govardhan, Mathura	39.74	Adm. Sanction only on 08.01.2019
27	Jharkhand	Development of BaidyanathjiDham, Deoghar	39.13	11.58
28	Nagaland	Development of Pilgrimage	25.26	7.53

		Facilities in Nagaland		
		Total	846.54	478.22

B. Details of projects sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Name of the Circuit	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amount released
Year 2016-17					
1.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar in Madhya Pradesh.	74.94	54.51
2.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.	99.99	20.00
3.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit – Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple, Manipur.	53.80	40.14
4.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra, Haryana.	97.35	70.60
5.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit	Integrated Development of	91.45	45.72

			Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), KhatuShyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand) in Rajasthan.		
6.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula-Sabrimala-as a Spiritual Circuit in Kerala	92.22	72.42
7.	Bihar	Tirthankar circuit	Development of Tirthankar Circuit: Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri in Bihar.	52.39	26.19
8.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit – Srawasti, Kushinagar, &Kapilvastu in Uttar Pradesh.	99.97	45.03
9.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur as Ramayana Circuit in Uttar Pradesh	69.45	52.17
10.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit (Shahjahanpur- Basti- Ahar- Aligharh-Kasgunj- Sarosi-Pratapgarh- Unnao-Kaushambi- Mirzapur-Gorakpur- Kairana- Doamriyagunj- Bagpat-Barabanki-	68.39	54.71

			Azamgarh)		
11.	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	63.77	50.33
12.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist circuit-Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya, Bihar	98.73	19.75
13.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit–Churu (Salasar Balaji)– Jaipur (Shri Samode Balaji, Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)-Alwar (PandupoleHanumanji, Bharathari)-Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)-Dholpur (Muchkund) – MehandipurBalaji-Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji) in	93.90	46.95

			Rajasthan under Swadesh Darshan scheme		
Total of 2016-17				1056.35	598.52
Year 2017-18					
14.	Gujarat	Buddhist circuit	Development of Buddhist circuit: Junagadh-GirSomnath-Bharuch-Kutch-Bhavnagar- Rajkot-Mehsana in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan scheme	35.99	7.20
15.	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit in Puducherry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	40.68	19.26
16.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh under Spiritual Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	53.49	10.70
17.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Ayodhya under Ramayana Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	133.31	66.65
18.	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	52.34	10.47

Total of 2017-18				315.81	114.28
Year 2018-19					
19.	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Waki- Adasa-Dhapewada-Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh-Telankhandi- Girad in Maharashtra	54.01	0.00
20.	Uttar Pradesh - Bihar	Development of Wayside Amenities (Sub-Scheme)	Development of Wayside Amenities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at Varanasi-Gaya; Lucknow-Ayodhya-Lucknow; Gorakhpur-Kushinagar; Kushinagar-Gaya-Kushinaga in collaboration with MoRTH	19.75	0.00
21.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda in Uttar Pradesh	14.52	0.00
22.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development SivagiriSree Narayana Guru Ashram-Arruvipuram-KunnumparaSreeSubrahmania-ChembazhanthiSree Narayana Gurukulam	69.47	0.00
23.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Kasaragod, Wayanad, Kannur, Kozhikode, Palakkad,	85.23	0.00

			Mallapuram, Thrichur, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam, Allaphuza, Pathananamithitta, Kollam, Trivandrum		
24.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	21.16	0.00
			Total of 2018-19	264.14	0.00
GRAND TOTAL TILL DATE				1636.30	712.80
