

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2421
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INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM CIRCUITS

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any policy for Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits dedicated to themes (Swadesh Darshan Scheme) under Central sector scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if so, the amount of funds released for developing tourism infrastructure in the current financial year?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism had launched the Swadesh Darshan Scheme in January 2015 for integrated development of theme based tourist circuits in the country. Under the scheme fifteen thematic circuits have been identified for development namely; North-East Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit, Heritage Circuit, Sufi Circuit, and Tirthankara Circuit. Since its launch the Ministry as on date sanctioned 77 projects for Rs. 6035.70 Crore covering 30 States and Union Territories under the scheme.

During current financial year Ministry has incurred expenditure of Rs. 425.43 Crore under the scheme.
