

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†313
ANSWERED ON 04.02.2020

DEVELOPMENT OF RAMAYAN CIRCUIT AND BUDDHIST CIRCUIT IN BIHAR

†313. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

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

- (a) whether Government will provide any specific financial assistance to Bihar for developing Ramayan and Buddhist Circuit with an aim to promote tourism in Bihar;
- (b) whether Government has formulated any specific action plan for the development of religious places associated with Lord Rama to encourage religious tourism; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of Swadesh Darshan provides Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for development of thematic tourist circuits in the country. Ramayana and Buddhist circuits are among the 15 thematic circuits identified for development under the scheme. Ministry has initially identified 15 sites in the country for development under the Ramayana circuit. Sitamarhi, Buxar & Darbhanga are the sites identified for development under Ramayana circuit in Bihar. The details of projects sanctioned in Bihar under the scheme is at **annexure**. No project has been sanctioned in the state under the Ramayana Circuit.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†313 ANSWERED ON 04.02.2020 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RAMAYAN CIRCUIT AND BUDDHIST CIRCUIT IN BIHAR

THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME IN BIHAR

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	Circuit/ Sanction Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vaishali – Arrah – Masad – Patna – Rajgir –Pawapuri – Champapuri	52.39
2.	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria route: Sultanganj to Deoghar	52.35
3.	Buddhist circuit 2016-17	Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya, Bihar	98.73
4.	Rural circuit 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa - Chandrahia – Turkaulia	44.65
5.	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill and Ang Pradesh	53.49
