

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.317
ANSWERED ON 04.02.2020

PROMOTION OF PILGRIM TOURISM

317. DR. SONAL MANSINGH:

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

- (a) whether Government noticed that the image of our ancestral art forms is tarnished in the name of tourism promotion;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to preserve our tradition and culture in tourism events;
- (c) the steps taken to promote pilgrim tourism in the country; and
- (d) the details of central assistance released since the last five years and the pilgrim tourism, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): No Sir, The Ministry of Culture organises activities and events with the objective to promote and conserve the various ancestral art forms in the country. Cultural activities and programmes are organized by the Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs). At the same time, the Ministry of Tourism promotes the culture, heritage, tourism products and pilgrim places in domestic and international markets for promoting tourism in the country. Road Shows, India Evenings, Know India Seminars which are regularly organised in the overseas tourism generating markets showcase these products. In addition, the Ministry of Tourism also organises “Bharat Parv” and Paryatan Parv in the country with the objective of drawing focus on the benefits of tourism & showcasing the rich cultural diversity which includes, cultural performances, food festivals, tourism exhibitions, display of handicrafts & handlooms, yoga sessions, tourism & heritage walks, sensitization & awareness programmes, seminars & workshops etc.

(c) & (d): The ‘National Mission on pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive’ (PRASHAD) was launched by the Ministry of Tourism with the objective of holistic development of identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations. Since its launch in January 2015 the Ministry has sanctioned 28 projects in 17 states under the PRASHAD Schemes as per **Annexure-I**.

Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme is developing tourism infrastructure in the identified circuits, across the country, having tourist potential in a planned and prioritized manner. Under the scheme fifteen thematic circuits have been identified for development including themes covering religious/spiritual sites in the country, namely: Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Tirthankar Circuit, and Sufi Circuit.

Submission of project proposal by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations and its sanctioning is a continuous process. The projects under the scheme are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory 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.

The details of project sanctioned under the Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Tirthankar Circuit and Sufi Circuit are placed in the **Annexure - II**.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.317 ANSWERED ON 04.02.2020 REGARDING PROMOTION OF PILGRIM TOURISM.

THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME DURING LAST THREE YEARS

Sl. No.	State	Project Nos	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Sanctioned cost (in Crores)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	1	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	2015-16	28.36
		2	Development of Srisailam Temple	2017-18	47.45
2	ASSAM	3	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	2015-16	30.71
3	BIHAR	4	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	2014-15	4.27
		5	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	41.54
4	GUJARAT	6	Development of Dwarka	2016-17	13.08
		7	Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	2016-17	44.07
		8	Development of Promenade at Somnath under PRASHAD Scheme	2018-19	44.59
5	JAMMU & KASHMIR	9	Development at Hazratbal,	2016-17	42.02
6	KERALA	10	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	46.14
7	MADHYA PRADESH	11	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	40.67
8	MAHARASHTRA	12	Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	37.81
9	ODISHA	13	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree JagannathDham-Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	2014-15	50.00

10	RAJASTHAN	14	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64
11	TAMILNADU	15	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	16.48
		16	Development of Vellankani	2016-17	5.60
12	UTTARAKHAND	17	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.78
		18	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham (Uttarakhand) under PRASHAD Scheme	2018-19	39.24
13	UTTAR PRADESH	19	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	14.93
		20	Development of Varanasi	2015-16	20.40
		21	Cruse Tourism in River Ganga, Varanasi	2017-18	10.72
		22	Development of Varanasi Under Prashad Scheme - II	2017-18	44.60
		23	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan, Mathura, UP	2018-19	39.74
		24	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura (Completed in Oct. 2019)	2014-15	9.36
14	WEST BENGAL	25	Development of Belur	2016-17	30.03
15	JHARKHAND	26	Development of BaidyanathjiDham, Deoghar	2018-19	39.13
16	NAGALAND	27	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland	2018-19	25.26
17	PUNJAB	28	Development of KarunaSagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar (Completed in Aprl. 2018)	2015-16	6.40

ANNEXURE- II

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SPIRITUAL TOURISM CIRCUITS UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.

THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER SPIRITUAL, RAMAYANA, KRISHNA, BUDDHIST, TIRTHANKAR AND SUFI TOURISM CIRCUIT UNDER THE SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME DURING LAST THREE YEARS

S. No.	State/ year of sanction	Circuit name	Details of the circuit	Sanctioned in Crores
1.	Kerala 2016-17	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.	99.99
2.	Manipur 2016-17	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit – Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri BijoyGovindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple, Manipur.	53.80
3.	Kerala 2016-17	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sree PadmanabhaArnamula-Sabrimala-as a Spiritual Circuit in Kerala	92.22
4.	Bihar 2016-17	Spiritual circuit	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar under Spiritual circuit in Bihar.	52.35
5.	Uttar Pradesh 2016-17	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit (Shahjahanpur-Basti- Ahar-Aligharh- Kasgunj-Sarosi-Pratapgarh-Unnao- Kaushambi- Mirzapur-Gorakpur- Kairana- Doamriyagunj- Bagpat-Barabanki- Azamgarh)	68.39
6.	Uttar Pradesh 2016-17	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
7.	Rajasthan 2016-17	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit– Churu (SalasarBalaji)– Jaipur (Shri SamodeBalaji, GhatkeBalaji, BandhekeBalaji)- Alwar (PandupoleHanumanji, Bharathari)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) – MehandipurBalaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji) in Rajasthan under Swadesh Darshan scheme	93.90
8.	Puducherry 2017-18	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit in Puducherry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	40.68
9.	Bihar 2017-18	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Mandar Hill &Ang Pradesh under Spiritual Circuit theme of Swadesh	53.49

			Darshan Scheme.	
10.	Maharashtra 2018-19	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh- Telankhandi- Girad in Maharashtra	54.01
11.	Uttar Pradesh 2018-19	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad- Noida-Khurja-Banda in Uttar Pradesh	14.52
12.	Kerala 2018-19	Spiritual Circuit	Development SivagiriSree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram- KunnumparaSreeSubrahmania- Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam	69.47
13.	Kerala 2018-19	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Kasaragod, Wayanad, Kannur, Kozhikode, Palakkad, Mallapuram, Thrichur, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam, Allaphuza, Pathananamithitta, Kollam, Trivandrum	85.23
14.	Uttar Pradesh 2018-19	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Gorakhnath Temple(Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	21.16
15.	Uttar Pradesh 2016-17	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45
16.	Uttar Pradesh 2017-18	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Ayodhya	133.31
17.	Haryana 2016-17	Krishna Circuit	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra	97.35
18.	Rajasthan 2016-17	Krishna Circuit	Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), KhatuShyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	91.45
19.	Bihar 2016-17	Tirthankar Circuit	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	52.39
20.	Madhya Pradesh 2016-17	Buddhist circuit	Development of Sanchi-Satna-Rewa- Mandsaur-Dhar	74.94
21.	Uttar Pradesh 2016-17	Buddhist circuit	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	99.97
22.	Bihar 2016-17	Buddhist circuit	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	98.73
23.	Gujarat 2017-18	Buddhist circuit	Development of Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	29.28
24.	Andhra Pradesh 2017-18	Buddhist circuit	Development of: Shalihundam-Thotlakonda- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda- Amravati- Anupu	52.34
