

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
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INCLUSION OF KESARIYA IN BUDDHIST CIRCUIT

319. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

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

- (a) whether Government will consider including Kesariya in East Champaran in the existing Buddhist Circuit;
- (b) if so, whether any study has been undertaken in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism has identified Buddhist Circuit as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme. All the sites in the country related to Buddhism including the ones in Bihar are covered under the circuit. Sanctioning of projects under the scheme is a continuous process. The projects under the scheme are identified 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. Ministry has not received any proposal for Development of Kesariya from the State Government of Bihar.

The details of projects sanctioned in Bihar under the Buddhist Circuit and in East Champaran district are given below: -

- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya for Rs. 98.73 crores in 2016-17
- Development of Bhitiharwa - Chandrahia – Turkaulia for Rs.44.65 crores in 2017-18.
