

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1112
ANSWERED ON 20.09.2020

TOURIST CIRCUITS CONNECTING RELIGIOUS PLACES

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to open more tourist circuits including important religious places and modernise the existing ones so that tourist are not inconvenienced, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether Government proposes to allocate more funds for this purpose in coming years, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Development of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of concerned State Government/ Union Territory Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism under 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' schemes provides financial assistance to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations/ Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure. Submission of project proposals by the State Governments/ Union Territory (UT) Administrations under the schemes is a continuous process. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme with the objective of holistic tourism development covering 'Spiritual', 'Ramayana', 'Krishna', 'Buddhist' and 'Tirthankar' themes, which includes religious places. Objective of PRASHAD scheme is holistic development of identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations.

A list of Swadesh Darshan Projects covering 'Spiritual', 'Ramayana', 'Krishna', 'Buddhist' and 'Tirthankar' themes and the details of the projects sanctioned under PRASHAD scheme is annexed.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1112 ANSWERED ON 20.09.2020 REGARDING TOURIST CIRCUITS CONNECTING RELIGIOUS PLACE

List of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme covering 'Spiritual', 'Ramayana', 'Krishna', 'Buddhist' and 'Tirthankar' themes

(Rs. in crore)				
S.No.	Name of State	Name of Circuit & Sanction Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.	99.99
2.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri BijoyGovindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple.	53.80
3.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Sree Padmanabha Temple, Aranmula- Sabrimala	92.22
4.	Bihar	Spiritual circuit (2016-17)	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj- Mojma- Banka.	52.35
5.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Spiritual Circuit-I(Shahjahanpur-Allahabad-Basti- Ahar-Aligharh-Kasgunj-Sarosi-Pratapgarh-Unnao-Kaushambi-Mirzapur-Gorakpur- Kairana- Doamriyagunj-Bagpat-Barabanki- Azamgarh)	65.61
6.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi	67.51
7.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Churu (SalasarBalaji)– Jaipur (Shri SamodeBalaji, GhatkeBalaji, BandhekeBalaji)- Alwar (PandupoleHanumanji, Bharathari)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)-	93.90

			Dholpur (Muchkund) – MehandipurBalaji-Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)	
8.	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Karaikal, Yanam and Puducherry	40.68
9.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh.	47.52
10.	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit (2018-19)	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada-Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh- Telankhandi-Girad	54.01
11.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit (2018-19)	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda	12.03
12.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit (2018-19)	Development of Gorakhnath Temple(Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple(Domariyaganj)	15.76
13.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit (2018-19)	Development SivagiriSree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram-KunnumparaSreeSubrahmania-ChembazhanthiSree Narayana Gurukulam	69.47
14.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45
15.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Ayodhya	127.21
16.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at Brahmsarovar, SanhitSarovar, Narkatari, Jyotisar in Kurukshetra.	97.35
17.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit (2016-17)	Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand).	75.80
18.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar.	74.02

19.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilvastu.	99.97
20.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit (2016-17)	Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	98.73
21.	Gujarat	Buddhist circuit (2017-18)	Development of Junagadh- Gir- Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	28.67
22.	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit (2017-18)	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
23.	Bihar	Tirthankar circuit (2016-17)	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri.	52.39

Details of the projects sanctioned under PRASHAD scheme

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Project Nos	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Approved cost
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1.	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	2015-16	27.77
		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	45.36
		8.	Development of Promenade at Somnath under PRASHAD Scheme	2018-19	44.59

5.	Haryana	9.	Development of Nada Saheb Gurudwara and Mata Mansha Devi Temple in Panchkula District	2019-20	49.52
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	10.	Development at Hazratbal	2016-17	40.46
7.	Jharkhand	11.	Development of Baidyanathji Dham, Deoghar	2018-19	39.13
8.	Kerala	12.	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	46.14
9.	Madhya Pradesh	13.	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	44.83
10.	Maharashtra	14.	Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	37.81
11.	Nagaland	15.	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland	2018-19	25.26
12.	Odisha	16.	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham – Ramachandi - Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	2014-15	50.00
13.	Punjab	17.	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	2015-16	6.40
14.	Rajasthan	18.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64
15.	Tamil Nadu	19.	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99
		20.	Development of Vellankani	2016-17	4.86
16.	Uttarakhand	21.	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.78
		22.	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham (Uttarakhand) under PRASHAD Scheme	2018-19	39.24
17.	Uttar Pradesh	23.	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	14.93
		24.	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura	2014-15	9.36

		25.	Development of Varanasi	2015-16	20.40
		26.	Cruse Tourism in River Ganga, Varanasi	2017-18	10.72
		27.	Development of Varanasi Under Prashad Scheme – Phase II	2017-18	44.60
		28.	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan, Mathura, UP	2018-19	39.74
18.	West Bengal	29.	Development of Belur	2016-17	30.03
19.	Meghalaya	30.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya	2020-21	29.32
