

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1116
ANSWERED ON 20.09.2020

STATUS OF RAMAYAN AND BUDDHIST CIRCUITS

1116. SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI:

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

- (a) the status of Ramayan and Buddhist Circuits during 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020;
- (b) the details of budgetary allocation and actual utilisation to enhance the tourism sector and create employment through domestic and overseas tourism;
- (c) the shortfalls in target achievement if any and delay in implementation schedule during last three years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan Scheme has sanctioned projects related to infrastructure development covering various themes including 'Ramayana' and 'Buddhist'. The details of the projects sanctioned under Ramayana and Buddhist circuits including projects sanctioned during the period 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 is annexed. The projects are under various stages of implementation.

(b) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism plays a crucial role by providing financial assistance to the States / Union Territory Administrations (UTs) for development of tourism infrastructure undertaking promotional and marketing efforts in domestic and international markets and by creating trained manpower resources through its various schemes. Allocation and utilization of budget and target achieved under different schemes is dependent on several factors including past performance, the stages of formulation/implementation of various schemes, the institutional capacity of the implementing agencies to implement the scheme as scheduled, the quantum of Government assistance lying with the recipients unutilized etc.

The details of the revised estimate (RE) and actual expenditure of the Ministry of Tourism undertaken on implementation of various schemes / activities during the last 3 years is as under:-

(In Crore of Rs.)

Financial Year	Revised Estimate (RE)	Actual Expenditure
2017-18	1693.77	1689.55
2018-19	1984.79	1987.42
2019-20	1286.81	1285.31

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1116 ANSWERED ON 20.09.2020 REGARDING STATUS OF RAMAYAN AND BUDDHIST CIRCUITS

The details of the projects sanctioned under Ramayana and Buddhist circuits under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

(In Crore of Rs.)

S.No.	Name of State	Name of Circuit & Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45	64.09
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Ayodhya	127.21	106.64
3.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar.	74.02	62.33
4.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, &Kapilvastu.	99.97	72.56
5.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit (2016-17)	Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	98.73	48.69
6.	Gujarat	Buddhist circuit (2017-18)	Development of Junagadh-GirSomnath- Bharuch-Kutch-Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	28.67	17.40
7.	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	26.17
