

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.318
ANSWERED ON 15.09.2020

VILLAGE TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY

318. SHRI RAKESH SINHA:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has contemplated any plan extending the tourism to Indian Villages which reflects India's true cultural and social Identity;
- (b) whether the Ministry has contemplated and mooted a plan for "Village Tourism";
- (c) if so, the number of villages that are included for "Village Tourism" and the details of their locations; and
- (d) if not, whether the Ministry will discuss and promote the idea of "Village Tourism" in India?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir.

The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan Scheme for Integrated Development of theme-based Tourist Circuits for development of tourism infrastructure including last mile connectivity in the country. Recognizing the potential of rural tourism in the country, the Ministry has identified Rural Circuit as one of fifteen thematic circuits identified for development under this scheme.

The objectives of the Swadesh Darshan scheme include creating employment through active involvement of local communities and promoting community-based development and pro-poor tourism approach.

Based on the above criteria, the Ministry has sanctioned following 2 projects total amounting to Rs.125.02 Crores for development of Rural Circuits under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme which are under different stages of implementation: -

- i. In the State of Bihar, during FY 2017-18, the project "Development of Bhitiharwa - Chandrahia - Turkaulia" amounting to Rs.44.65 Crores.
- ii. In the State of Kerala, during FY 2018-19, the project "Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism" amounting to Rs. 80.37 Crores.

Ministry has also instituted a National Tourism Award in the category of 'Best Rural/Agri/Plantation Tourism Projects' to motivate the stakeholders in the tourism sector for implementing such projects.

Ministry of Rural Development has informed us that their Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) follows the vision of “Development of a cluster of villages that preserve and nurture the essence of rural community life with focus on equity and inclusiveness without compromising with the facilities perceived to be essentially urban in nature, thus creating a cluster of “Rurban Villages”.

Under the Mission, 300 clusters are being developed across 28 States and 8 Union Territories. Tourism is one of the theme of Rurban cluster development. Tourism related activities/ projects are among the 21 component categories under SPMRM.

Ministry of Rural Development has further informed us that a total 67 Rurban clusters have proposed tourism related activities in gram panchayats across 26 States/ UTs. The list of GRAM PANCHAYATS is placed at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.318 ANSWERED ON 15.09.2020 REGARDING VILLAGE TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY

List of Gram Panchayats covering Projects Under Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM), Ministry Of Rural Development

Sr. No	State Name	District Name	Cluster Name	Gram Panchayat Name
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Visakha-Patanam	Araku Valley	Pedalabudu
2.	Assam	Kamrup	Hajo	No. 1 Hajo, No.2 Hajo
3.	Chattisgarh	Kondagaon	Badekanera	Kamela
4.	Dadra And Nagar Haveli	Dadra And Nagar Haveli	Sayli	Dapada, Galonda, Kilvani, Masat, Rakholi, Samarvani, Sayli
5.	Gujarat	Banas Kantha	Ambaji	Ambaji
6.	Gujarat	Mahesana	Becharaji	Bechar Alias Becharaji
7.	Gujarat	Panch Mahals	Morva	Mora
8.	Gujarat	Arvalli	Shamlaji	Shamalaji, Venpur
9.	Gujarat	Morbi	Tikar	Ajitgadh, Miyani, Nava Ghanshya mgad H, Tikar
10.	Haryana	Jhajjar	Badli	Badli, Badsa, Bupania, Dariyapur, Deshalpur, Dewar Khana, Gubhana , Kherka Gujjar, Luksar
11.	Haryana	Karnal	Balla	Salwan
12.	Haryana	Panchkula	Ganeshpur	Bhuwana, Burj Kotian, Fatehpur Di wanwala, Malla, Dakhrog, Chikan, Janouli, Malla
13.	Himachal Pradesh	Mandi	Aut	Aut (Sdr) Jhiri Nagwain (Sdr) Takoli
14.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	Ghannahati	Baicheri, Chaily, Ganeog (Nehra), Ghanahatti, Neri, Shakrah, Totu (Majthai) Ganeog (Nehra)
15.	Himachal Pradesh	Solan	Hinner	Chail
16.	Himachal Pradesh	Kinnaur	Moorang	Charang, Moorang, Rispa, Thangi
17.	Himachal Pradesh	Kinnaur	Sangla	Batseri, Chansu, Chhitkul, Kamru, Rakchham, Sangla, Themgarang (B oni Ng Saring)
18.	Jammu And Kashmir	Kupwara	Khumriyal	Cheerkoot, Khumriyal A, Khumriyal B, Khumriyal C, Shumriyal 19 K arnataka Ballari Holalu Holalu
19	Karnataka	Ballari	Holalu	Holalu
20	Kerala	Malappuram	Edappal	Vattamkulam Edappal, Vattamkulam
21.	Kerala	Alappuzha	Kanjikuzhy-Mararikulam North	Kanjikuzhi Mararikkulam North
22.	Kerala	Kannur	Pinarayi – Vengad	Pinarayi, Vengad

23.	Kerala	Thrissur	Punnayoorkula, M Vadakkekkad	Punnyurkulum, Vadekkekad
24.	Kerala	Kottayam	Puthupally-Ma narcaud	Puthuppally, Mannarkadu
25.	Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur	Achhat	Mahoba
26.	Madhya Pradesh	Mandla	Ramnagar	Dudaka, Ramnagar
27.	Madhya Pradesh	Indore	Simrol	Simrol
28.	Maharashtra	Jalgaon	Hartala	Changdeo Hartale Kothali
29.	Maharashtra	Jalgaon	Patonda	Bahal
30.	Maharashtra	Jalgaon	Yengaon	Harankhede, Yengaon
31.	Manipur	Thoubal	Kahngabok	Tentha
32.	Manipur	Imphal East	Keirao Makting	Bamon Kampu, Bashikhong Gp, K eirao, Keirao Makting, Kiyamgei, Kiyamgei Muslim Arapti, Uchekon Nongchup, Uchekon Nongpok
33.	Manipur	Kangpokpi	Saikul	Thangal Surung
34.	Meghalaya	North Garo Hills	Chisim Apal	Bangsi Apal, Chimatcha, Chirap, C hitukdadram, Chitukona Garo, Chit ukona Rabha, Dainadubi, Kashkon a, Lower Nogolpara, Nisangram Ba bupara, Pangsudam, Rongge
35.	Meghalaya	South West Khasi H ills	Mawlangwir	Mawlangwir Mawpharkhrew Mawr anglang Nonglang Nongmawlein Nongnad Sohkhyllam
36.	Meghalaya	West Jaintia Hills	Sokha	Kudengthymmai, Lamin, Sohkha Model
37.	Mizoram	Aizawl	Aibawk	Aibawk, Falkawn, Kelsih, Maubua ng, Melriat, Muallungthu, Phulpui, Sateek, Sumsuih, Tachhip, Thiak
38.	Mizoram	Champhai	Khawzawl	Arro, Chawngtlai, Chhawrtui, Hmu ncheng, Kawlkulh, Khualen, Neihd awn, Ngaizawl, Puilo, Tualpui, Tualte, Tuipui, Van kal
39.	Odisha	Sundargarh	Kaurmunda	Kuarmunda, Padampur
40.	Odisha	Kandhamal	Kotagarh	Kotagarh
41.	Odisha	Baleshwar	Raibania	Rabania
42.	Puducherry	Pondicherry	Bahour	Kirumampakkam
43.	Puducherry	Karaikal	Thirunallar	Ambagarathur, Karukkankudy, Nall ambal, Pettai, Sellur, Sethur, Surakkudy, Thirunallar (North), Thirunallar (South)
44.	Punjab	Ludhiana	Dhandra	Dhandra
45.	Punjab	Fatehgarh Sahib	Sanghol	Ajner, Amarala, Bathan Kalan, Bat han Khurd, Bhambri, Bhamina, Bh ari, Bhatian, Bilaspur, Burj, Dhianu Majra, Dholewal, Dulwan, Gaggar

				wal, Hargana, Hawara, Kala Majra, Kalewal, Kalewal Ii, Khant, Kheri Naud Singh, Kotla Ajner, Lohar Majra Khurd, Maheshpur, Nangla N, Raipur, Sanghol
46.	Rajasthan	Banswara	Abapura	Abapura, Badrel Khurd, Boriya, Virpur
47.	Rajasthan	Banswara	Bhagora	Bhagora, Kheda Sakariya
48.	Rajasthan	Udaipur	Gogunda	Gogunda
49.	Rajasthan	Pratapgarh	Peelikhera	Peeli Khera
50.	Sikkim	South District	Namthang	Kateng Pamphok, Namthang Maneydara, Turung Mamring
51.	Sikkim	West District	Soreng	Bhudang, Karthok Bojek, Malbasay, Mangsari Mangarjung, Singling, Soreng, Tharpu, Timburbong
52.	Tamil Nadu	Kanchipuram	Singaperumal Koil	Singaperumal Koil
53.	Telangana	Karimnagar	Bijigirisharief	Bizigirisharif, Dharmaram, Ellanthakunta
54.	Telangana	Yadadri Bhuvanagiri	Choutuppal	Allapur, D.Nagaram, Malkapur
55.	Telangana	Nirmal	Kuntala	Chakepalle, Kallur
56.	Telangana	Peddapalli	Sultanabad	Itherajpalli, Kodurupaka
57.	Telangana	Nizamabad	Yedpally	Janakampet, Kurnapally, Thanakalan
58.	Tripura	North Tripura	Belianchip	Vanghmun
59.	Tripura	North Tripura	Rowa	Chandra Halam Para Gp, Rowa
60.	Uttar Pradesh	Kushi Nagar	Bansgaon	Bansgaon
61.	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra	Kodai	Baijanath, Cherue, Kodai, Markuri, Palhari
62.	Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakoot	Mau Mustakil	Ahiri, Bamburi, Barwar Mustkil, Bhitari, Chhiolaha, Hatawa, Man Ku nwar Mustakil, Mandaur, Mau Mustkil, Mawai Kalan Mustkil, Sakhau nha, Sesa Subakara Mustkil, Surau ndha, Tadi Mustkil, Tilauli Mustaki l
63.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra	Midakur	Barara
64.	Uttar Pradesh	Mahoba	Sri Nagar	Atrar Maaf, Nanaora, Sri Nagar, Urwara
65.	Uttarakhand	Tehri Garhwal	Dhanaulti	Dabali, Dandakibeli, Dhanolti, Dunda, Fidogi, Goth, Kalaban- Tegna, Khaneri, Naughar, Uniyalgaon
66.	Uttarakhand	Bageshwar	Kausani	Kausani, Lobanj, Ratmatiya
67.	Uttarakhand	Udam Singh Nagar	Paheniya	Bhudakishani
