

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†977  
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2021**

**PROMOTION OF TOURISM AND ECO-TOURISM IN BHAGALPUR**

**†977. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote tourism by developing historical heritage in Bhagalpur Lok Sabha Constitutency and if so, the details thereof**
- (b) whether the Government has any scheme to promote tourism in the country including Bateshwar in Bhagalpur district of Bihar and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any agency has been engaged to implement the scheme and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to promote eco-tourism in Bhagalpur district and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide any incentive to the private sector to promote eco-tourism in Bihar including Bhagalpur district and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a) to (e): Promotion and Development of tourism, including incentive to the private sector to promote eco-tourism, is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/UT Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism under schemes of Swadesh Darshan- Integrated development of theme based tourist circuits, PRASHAD- National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive and Assistance to Central Agencies for tourism infrastructure development provides Financial Assistance to the State Governments/ UT Administrations/ Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country.**

**Heritage and Eco-Tourism Circuits have been identified among fifteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.**

**The Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan Scheme has sanctioned 5 projects under different circuits in the State of Bihar. No project has been approved for specifically for Bateshwar in Bhagalpur District. However, Sultanganj located in Bhagalpur District is one of the destinations under the project Development of Spiritual circuit at Sultanganj - Dharmshala- Deoghar under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.**

**Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation (BSTDC) Ltd is the implementing agency for the projects sanctioned to Bihar under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.**

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