

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO.91#**  
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2022

**CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN BIHAR**

91#. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to provide financial assistance to the State of Bihar for development of tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of projects being selected and considered for development;
- (d) the details of financial assistance being approved for each project; and
- (e) the details of the projects earmarked especially for West Champaran, East Champaran, Gopalganj and Sitamarhi districts of Bihar?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.91# ANSWERED ON 10.02.2022 REGARDING CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN BIHAR.**

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism has provided financial assistance under the 'Swadesh Darshan', 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' Schemes for the development of tourism related infrastructure in the State of Bihar. In addition, financial assistance has been provided to the State of Bihar for organizing fairs/festivals & tourism related events under Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme.

Proposals are received from States/UTs including the State of Bihar from time to time for seeking financial assistance under the various schemes of the Ministry of Tourism. These proposals are examined in context of the scheme guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated provisions and availability of funds.

As per the request from the Department of Tourism, State Government of Bihar, Patna Sahib (Patna), Vishnupad (Gaya) and Punaura Dham (Sitamarhi) have been identified for development of pilgrimage tourism infrastructure under the PRASHAD Scheme. Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa-Chandrahia-Turkaulia project under Rural Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme for an amount of Rs.44.65 Crore in Bihar. In this project, components have been sanctioned in West Champaran for an amount of Rs.21.54 Crore and East Champaran for an amount of Rs.11.26 Crore.

The details of the projects sanctioned under the 'Swadesh Darshan', 'PRASHAD' & 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' Schemes and financial assistance provided for organizing fairs/festivals and tourism related events under DPPH Scheme to the State of Bihar is given at **Annexure-I**.

Ministry of Tourism has provided financial assistance under the scheme of 'Assistance to Institute of Hotel Management (IHMs)/National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology (NCHMCT)/Food Craft Institute (FCIs) etc.' to Central Institute of Hotel Management (CIHM), State Institute of Hotel Management (SIHM) & Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITTM) in the State of Bihar. As a part of Bihar package 2015, it has been decided to open an IITTM in Bodhgaya for which land is to be given by State Govt. of Bihar and till the time suitable land is made available by the State Govt., a temporary camp of IITTM has been started from the campus of State IHM Bodhgaya. An amount of Rs.80.00 Lakh has been sanctioned for the temporary camp at Bodhgaya out of which Rs.32.00 Lakh has been released during financial year 2018-19. Simultaneously, the proposal regarding opening of a centre of IITTM at Bodhgaya has also been sent to Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure for their concurrence, which is yet to be received. A statement regarding financial assistance extended to various implementing agencies in the State of Bihar during the last 5 years is given at **Annexure-II**.

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**ANNEXURE-I**

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**Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Circuit	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
<b>Year 2016-17</b>					
1.	Bihar	Tirthankar Circuit	Development of Vaishali-Arrah- Masad- Patna-Rajgir- Pawapuri-Champapuri	37.19	26.19
2.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj- Mojma- Banka	44.76	42.52
3.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit	Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	98.73	93.22
<b>Year 2017-18</b>					
4.	Bihar	Rural Circuit	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa-Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.65	35.72
5.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	47.52	38.02
<b>Year 2018-19</b>					
6.	Uttar Pradesh & Bihar	Development of Wayside Amenities (Sub-Scheme)	Development of Wayside Amenities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at Varanasi - Gaya; Lucknow-Ayodhya-Lucknow; Gorakhpur-Kushinagar; Kushinagar-Gaya- Kushinagar in collaboration with MoRTH which includes development of wayside amenities at Mohaniya, Dist- Kaimur in Bihar also	15.07	12.29
<b>Total</b>				<b>287.92</b>	<b>247.96</b>

**PRASHAD Scheme**

**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project	Project Cost	Amount Released
<b>Year 2014-15</b>				
1.	Bihar	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad Temple, Gaya, Bihar	4.27	2.91
<b>Year 2015-16</b>				
2.	Bihar	Development at Patna Sahib	41.54	33.23
<b>Total</b>			<b>45.81</b>	<b>36.14</b>

**Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme**

**(Rs. in Crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Central Agency</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
<b>Year 2013-14</b>					
1.	Bihar	Joint Development of tourist Amenities at Gaya Railway Station in Association with Ministry of Railways	M/o Railways	5.18	2.00
<b>Year 2019-20</b>					
2.	Uttar Pradesh (Varanasi & Allahabad-I, Allahabad-II), <b>Bihar (Bhagalpur)</b> , West Bengal (Kolkata) & Assam (Neamati, Pandu, Jogighopa & Biswanathghat)	CFA for Development of Jetties at nine (09) main points of embarkation/disembarkation of River Cruise on National Water ways No. 1 & 2	IWAI	28.03	7.01
			<b>Total</b>	<b>33.21</b>	<b>9.01</b>

**Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for Organizing Fairs and Festivals and Tourism Related Events under Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme**

**(Rs. in Lakh)**

<b>Name of State</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Name of Fairs &amp; Festivals</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
Bihar	2019-20	(i) Sonepur Fair (ii) Rajgir Mahotsav	50.00	50.00

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**ANNEXURE-II**

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**(Rs. in Crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Institute</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
<b>2021-22</b>			
1.	CIHM Hajipur	Bihar	1.24
<b>2020-21</b>			
1	SIHM Bodhgaya	Bihar	2.00
2.	CIHM Hajipur	Bihar	0.56
<b>2019-20</b>			
1.	CIHM Hajipur	Bihar	0.47
<b>2018-19</b>			
1.	CIHM Hajipur	Bihar	2.15
2.	IITTM Bodhgaya	Bihar	0.32
<b>2016-17</b>			
1.	SIHM Bodhgaya	Bihar	4.00

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