

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1343  
ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022**

**DEVELOPMENT OF NIRVAN STHAL OF SAINT KABIR AS  
INTERNATIONAL TOURIST SPOT**

**1343. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to formulate any scheme for developing the 'Nirvan Sthal' of Sufi Saint Kabir which is located in 'Maghar' of Sant Kabirnagar district spanning in over 27 acres, Kabir Chaura Parisar where his 'Mazaar' as well as Samadhi is situated and the place being a centre of faith for all religions as an "International Tourist Spot" to promote tourism in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to develop Buddha Circuit area of international importance as a tourist and pilgrimage spot in Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh since "Mahaparinirvan Sthal" of Lord Buddha is situated in this Buddha circuit area; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations under its scheme 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' for integrated development of identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations.**

**In addition, financial assistance is also provided by the Ministry of Tourism under 'Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS)'**

**launched in 2014-15 for development of tourism infrastructure in the States/Union Territory Administrations with a vision to develop theme based tourist circuits in the country. Maghar Dham in Uttar Pradesh is covered for development under heritage circuit theme of SDS sanctioned in the year 2016-17. The components including Ghat Development, Boundary Wall, Interpretation Center, Exhibition Center & Gallery, Sound & Light Show, Cafeteria, Focus Lights, Gazebos, Park Development, High Mast Lights etc. were sanctioned for development at Maghar Dham for an amount of Rs.17.61 Crore, the execution of which is complete.**

**The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned another project 'Development of Shravasti, Kushinagar & Kapilvastu' in the state of Uttar Pradesh under Buddhist Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan scheme for an amount of Rs.87.89 Cr. in the year 2016-17. The project is physically complete. An international airport at Kushinagar has also been inaugurated to give impetus to tourism in the region.**

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