

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1379  
ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022**

**DEVELOPMENT OF KALIBANGAN AS TOURIST SPOTS**

**†1379. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:**

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

- (a) whether the Kalibangan Civilization of Mohanjodaro has been declared as a tourist site in Rajasthan and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to develop Kalibangan and Laila-Majnu Mazar as tourist places to attract tourists; and**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop more tourist places in the bordering areas in India in future so that the living standard of the people in these areas along with tourism can improve?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism as part of its ongoing activities promotes various tourist sites of the country including Kalibangan, Rajasthan. These promotions are undertaken through multiple platforms including the Ministry of Tourism's promotional website [www.incredibleindia.org](http://www.incredibleindia.org).**

**In addition, the Ministry under its schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', and 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' provides financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for developing tourism infrastructure in the country including Rajasthan. The projects under the above schemes are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of**

**suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier etc.**

**The Ministry of Tourism sanctioned a project 'Development of Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort)- Jaipur (Nahargarh Fort and Facade Illumination of Major Arterial Roads of Walled City of Jaipur) - Alwar (Bala Quila) – Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore Fort and Khandar Fort) – Jhalawar (Gagron Fort) – Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) Jaisalmer (Jaisalmer Fort) - Hanumangarh (Kalibangan, Bhatner Fort and Gogamedi - Jalore (Jalore Fort)- Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra)- Dholpur (Bagh-i-Nilofar and Purani Chawni) – Nagaur (Meera Bai Temple)' in Rajasthan under Heritage Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the year 2017-18, which included developmental works at Kalibangan. The interventions at Kalibangan were however later dropped.**

**The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations in the country following a tourist & destination centric approach.**

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