

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3184
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023**

**IDENTIFICATION OF UNEXPLORED TOURISM DESTINATIONS IN
HIMACHAL PRADESH**

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the unexplored tourism destinations have been identified in the hill States of the country; and**
- (b) if so, the action-plan desired for the development of the said tourism destinations in respect to Himachal Pradesh?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): Identification and development of tourist destinations is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/ Union Territory (UT) Administration including those located in the hill states. However, the Ministry of Tourism under its 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' provides financial assistance to the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies etc. for development of tourism infrastructure in the country. The details of the projects sanctioned under the above mentioned schemes in various States/UT Administrations including Hill States and Himachal Pradesh is annexed.

The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) for development of sustainable and responsible tourist destinations in the country.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3184 ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023 REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF UNEXPLORED TOURISM DESTINATIONS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH.****(A) LIST OF SANCTIONED PROJECTS UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME****(Amount in ₹ crore)**

S. No.	State/UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Long Island-Ross Smith Island-Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair	27.57	20.89
2	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2014-15	Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam - Kotipally	67.84	67.84
3	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake - Ubbilamadugu Water Falls - Nelapattu- Kothakoduru-Mypadu - Ramateertham - Iskapalli	49.55	49.55
4	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of: Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Amravati- Anupu	24.14	24.14
5	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit 2014-15	Development of Bhalukpong- Bomdila and Tawang	49.77	47.28
6	Arunachal Pradesh	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nafra-Seppa- Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys- Sangdupota- New Sagalee- Ziro- Yomcha	96.72	91.88
7	Assam	Wildlife	Development of Manas-	94.68	89.94

		Circuit 2015-16	Probitora- Kaziranga- Saikhowa	Nameri- Dibru-		
8	Assam	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tezpur - Majuli - Sibsagar		90.98	86.42
9	Bihar	Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri		33.97	30.04
10	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj - Dharmshala- Deoghar		44.76	42.52
11	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya		95.18	93.22
12	Bihar	Rural Circuit 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia		44.27	39.96
13	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh		44.55	42.32
14	Chhattisgarh	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Jashpur- Kunkuri- Mainpat- Kamleshpur - Maheshpur - Kurdar - Sarodhadadar- Gangrel- Kondagaon- Nathiyawagaon- Jagdarpur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh		96.10	94.23
15	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sinqerim- Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail		97.65	92.76
16	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2017-18	Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek - Dona Paula -Colva - Benaulim		99.35	99.35

17	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahmedabad-Rajkot-Porbandar -Bardoli- Dandi	58.42	56.21
18	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vadnagar-Modhera	91.12	87.25
19	Gujarat	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Junagadh-Gir Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot-Mehsana	26.68	22.28
20	Haryana	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra	70.91	77.88
21	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra, Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba	68.34	64.55
22	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Jammu-Srinagar-Pahalgam-Bhagwati Nagar-Anantnag-Salamabad Uri-Kargil-Leh	77.33	61.87
23	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama.	81.60	67.35
24	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities - Construction of Assets in lieu of those Destroyed in Floods in 2014 under PM Development Package	90.43	74.70
25	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai and Sudhmahadev	92.00	87.19
26	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Anantnag-Pulwama-Kishtwar-Pahalgam-Zanskar Padum - Daksum - Ranjit Sagar Dam	86.39	69.95

27	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla- Kupwara- Kargil - Leh	91.84	73.45
28	Jharkhand	Eco Circuit 2018-19	Development of Eco Tourism circuit: Dalma-Betla National park-Mirchaiya- Netarhat	30.11	26.37
29	Kerala	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady	64.08	64.08
30	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam	54.88	27.44
31	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula	78.08	73.77
32	Kerala	Rural Circuit 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35	23.77
33	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram-Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania - Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam	66.43	15.57
34	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna-Mukundpur - Sanjay- Dubri-Bandhavgarh- Kanha-Mukki- Pench	92.10	86.31
35	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar	74.02	72.75
36	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gwalior - Orchha - Khajuraho - Chanderi - Bhimbetka - Mandu	89.82	89.49
37	Madhya	Eco	Development of	93.76	89.08

	Pradesh	Circuit 2017-18	Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River		
38	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06	18.11
39	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki-Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad	53.96	32.04
40	Manipur	North-East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal- Khongjom	72.23	61.32
41	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple	45.34	43.04
42	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2016-17	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng- Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort	99.13	99.11
43	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- Krem Tirot – Khudoi & Kohmang Falls – Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmang- looksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)	84.97	72.22
44	Mizoram	North East	Development of Thenzawl	92.26	92.26

		Circuit 2015-16	& South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek.		
45	Mizoram	Eco Circuit 2016-17	Development of Eco- Adventure Circuit Aizawl - Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawng - Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang	66.37	49.53
46	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima- Wokha	97.36	92.49
47	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mokokchung-Tuensang- Mon	98.14	93.24
48	Odisha	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82	63.56
49	Puducherry	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Dubrayapet - Arikamedu - Veerampattinam - Chunnambar - Nallavadu/Narambai - Manapet- Kalapet - Puducherry - Yanam	58.44	58.44
50	Puducherry	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Franco- Tamil Village, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam	49.44	45.70
51	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Puducherry - Thirukanch- Karaikal- Yanam	34.96	30.94
52	Punjab	Heritage Circuit 2018-19	Development of Anandpur Sahib - Fatehgarh Sahib - Chamkaur Sahib - Ferozpur - Khatkar Kalan - Kalanour - Patiala	94.51	67.14
53	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations	50.01	50.01

54	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	75.80	72.01
55	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Spiritual Circuit- 'Development of Churu (Salasar Balaji)-Jaipur (Shri Samodke Balaji, Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)-Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) - Mehndipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)	87.05	72.23
56	Rajasthan	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Heritage Circuit Development of Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort) - Jaipur (Facade Illumination in Jaipur and Nahargarh Fort) -Jhalawar (Gagron Fort) - Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) – Jaisalmer (Jaisalmer Fort) - Hanumangarh (Gogamedi) - Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra) - Dholpur (Bagh-I-Nilofor and Purani Chawani) - Nagaur (Meera Bai Smarak, Merta) - Tonk (Sunehri Kothi)	70.61	60.91
57	Sikkim	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit linking Rangpo (entry) – Rorathang- Aritar- Phadamchen- Nathang- Sherathang- Tsongmo- Gangtok-Phodong- Mangan- Lachung-Yumthang- Lachen- Thangu- Gurudongmer- Mangan-	98.05	97.41

			Gangtok-TuminLingee-Singtam (exit)		
58	Sikkim	North East Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam-Maka- Temi-BermoikTokel-Phongia- Namchi – Jorthang- Okharey-Sombaria-Daramdin-Jorethang- Melli (Exit)	95.32	90.55
59	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of (Chennai-Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	73.13	69.48
60	Telangana	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district	91.62	87.04
61	Telangana	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram- Medavaram-Tadvai- Damaravi- Mallur-Bogatha Waterfalls	79.87	79.87
62	Telangana	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Qutub Shahi Heritage Park-Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb	96.90	70.61
63	Tripura	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur-Tirthamukh- Mandirghat-Dumboor- NarikelKunja-Gandachara- Ambassa	82.85	73.30
64	Tripura	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of Surma Cherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati - Bhunaneshwari- Neermahal- Boxanagar-Chottakhola- Pilak-Avangchaarra	44.83	18.37
65	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	87.89	72.56

		2016-17			
66	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45	64.09
67	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh-Kausambi-Mirzapur-Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj-Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-Kairana- Baghpat-Shahjahanpur	71.91	68.32
68	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Bijnor-Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur-Salempur- Ghosi- Balia-Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh-Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba-Sonbhadra- Chandauli-Mishrikh- Bhadohi	67.51	64.14
69	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mahuar shaheed Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)	33.92	32.27
70	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21	115.46
71	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda	12.03	11.43
72	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyaganj)	18.30	16.81
73	Uttarakhand	Eco	Development of Tehri-	69.17	69.17

		Circuit 2015-16	Chamba- Sarain around Tehri Lake.		
74	Uttarakhand	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kumaon Region - Katarmal - Jogeshwar - Baijnath - Devidhura.	76.32	67.62
75	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj- Bakhlai- Henry Island	67.99	65.07
76	-	Wayside Amenities 2018-19	Development of Wayside Amenities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at Varanasi-Gaya; Kushinagar-Gaya- Kushinagar in collaboration with MoRTH	15.07	14.32

* Includes amount released to CNA as per new financial procedure

(B) LIST OF SANCTIONED PROJECTS UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME.

(Amount in ₹ crore)

Sr. No.	State/UTs	#	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Approved cost	Amount Released
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	1	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	2015-16	27.77	27.77
		2	Development of Srisailam Temple	2017-18	43.08	43.08
		3	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam	2022-23	54.04	Adm. Sanc. Only 14.12.2022
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	4	Development of Parasuram Kund, Lohit	2020-21	37.88	7.34

			Distt.			
3	ASSAM	5	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	2015-16	29.80	29.80
4	BIHAR	6	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	2014-15	4.27	2.91
		7	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	41.54	33.23
5	CHHATTISGARH	8	Development of Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple, Rajnandgaon, Dongargarh, Chhattisgarh	2020-21	43.33	24.33
6	GUJARAT	9	Development of Dwarka	2016-17	13.08	10.46
		10	Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	2016-17	45.36	45.36
		11	Development of Promenade at Somnath under PRASHAD Scheme	2018-19	47.12	47.12
		12	Development of Pilgrim Plaza with Queue Management Complex at Somnath Gujarat	2021-22	49.97	Adm. Approval only 10.03.22
		13	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Ambaji Temple of Banaskantha, Gujarat	2022-23	50.00	10.54
7	HARYANA	14	Development of Nada Saheb Gurudwara and Mata Mansha Devi Temple in Panchkula District	2019-20	49.52	28.77
8	JAMMU & KASHMIR	15	Development at Hazratbal,	2016-17	40.46	32.37

9	JHARKHAND	16	Development of Baidyanathji Dham, Deoghar	2018-19	39.13	31.23
10	KERALA	17	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	45.19	45.19
11	MADHYA PRADESH	18	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	43.93	43.93
		19	Development of Amarkantak	2020-21	49.99	4.86
12	MAHARASHTRA	20	Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	52.92	27.67
13	MEGHALAYA	21	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya	2020-21	29.32	17.59
14	MIZORAM	22	Development of infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism in the State of Mizoram under PRASHAD Scheme	2022-23	44.88	Adm. Sanction on 14.12.22
15	NAGALAND	23	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland	2018-19	25.26	21.33
		24	Development of Pilgrimage and Tourism infrastructure at Zunheboto, Nagaland under PRASHAD Scheme	2022-23	18.18	Adm. Sanction on 4.11.22
16	ODISHA	25	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham – Ramachandi - Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	2014-15	50.00	10.00
17	PUNJAB	26	Development of KarunaSagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	2015-16	6.40	6.40

		27	Development of Chamkaur Sahib at Rupar, Punjab under PRASHAD Scheme	2021-22	31.57	7.26
18	RAJASTHAN	28	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64	26.11
19	SIKKIM	29	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32	18.50
20	TAMILNADU	30	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99	13.99
		31	Development of Vellankani	2016-17	4.86	4.86
21	TELANGANA	32	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple, Alampur	2020-21	36.73	13.76
		33	Development of pilgrimage infrastructure at Bhadrachalam, Bhadadri Kottagudam Distt of Telangana	2022-23	41.38	Adm. Sanction on 22.12.22
		34	Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism infrastructure at Rudreshwar (Ramappa) Temple, Mulugu	2022-23	62.00	Adm. Sanction on 22.12.22
22	TRIPURA	35	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple, Udaipur	2020-21	37.80	21.18
23	UTTARAKHAND	36	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.77	34.77
		37	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation	2018-19	56.13	20.79

			in Badrinath Ji Dham (Uttarakhand) under PRASHAD Scheme			
		38	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities and Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham in Uttarakhand under PRASHAD Scheme	2021-22	54.36	14.06
24	UTTAR PRADESH	39	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98	10.98
		40	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura	2014-15	9.36	9.36
		41	Development of Varanasi –Phase –I	2015-16	20.40	16.32
		42	Cruise Tourism in River Ganga, Varanasi	2017-18	9.02	9.02
		43	Development of Varanasi Under Prashad Scheme – Phase II	2017-18	44.60	31.77
		44	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan, Mathura, UP	2018-19	39.74	30.97
25	WEST BENGAL	45	Development of Belur	2016-17	30.03	23.39
