

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.144
ANSWERED ON 20.07.2023

SCHEMES TO MAKE AYODHYA A WORLD TOURISM CENTER

144 DR. SONAL MANSINGH:

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

- (a) whether several schemes are being implemented jointly by the Central Government and the State Government to make Ayodhya a world tourist center;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Central Government is working on various plan/proposals to develop many other pilgrimage centers like Ayodhya as world tourist centers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether places of pilgrimage should be treated as "Tourist destination"; and
- (f) whether it will hinder peace and tranquillity of real pilgrim-Sadhaks?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Tourism has provided financial assistance under the 'Swadesh Darshan', and 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' Schemes for the development of tourism related infrastructure in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Under Swadesh Darshan 2.0, Prayagraj and Naimisharanya destinations have been identified for development in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

The details of projects sanctioned and funds allocated under the above mentioned Schemes in the State of Uttar Pradesh (including Ayodhya) is given at **Annexure-I**.

Under the Museum Grant Scheme of Ministry of Culture, Government of India, the work of "Development of Digital Ramayana Gallery (Digital Intervention) at International Ram Katha Museum and Art Gallery, Ayodhya" has been implemented jointly by the Central Government and the State Government. The details of the same are placed at **Annexure-II**.

(e) & (f): These projects are given grants, designed and executed, keeping in view the religious importance and maintaining the sanctity of the place.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.144 ANSWERED ON 20.07.2023 REGARDING SCHEMES TO MAKE AYODHYA A WORLD TOURISM CENTER.

Swadesh Darshan Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	State/ UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sravasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	87.89	72.56
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45	64.09
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Shahjahanpur-Basti- Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi-Pratapgarh-Unnao-Kaushambi- Mirzapur-Gorakhpur- Kairana-Domaryaganj- Baghpat-Barabanki- Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh	71.91	68.32
4.	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 in Uttar Pradesh	67.51	64.14
5.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mauhar Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)	33.92	32.27
6.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21	115.46
7.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda	12.03	11.43
8.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyaganj)	18.30	16.81

9.	Uttar Pradesh & Bihar	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
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PRASHAD Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Approved Cost	Amount Released
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98	10.98
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan	2014-15	9.36	9.36
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi –Phase –I	2015-16	18.72	18.72
4.	Uttar Pradesh	River Cruise Tourism in Ganga, Varanasi	2017-18	9.02	9.02
5.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi – Phase II	2017-18	44.60	31.77
6.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	2018-19	39.74	30.97

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.144 ANSWERED ON 20.07.2023 REGARDING SCHEMES TO MAKE AYODHYA A WORLD TOURISM CENTER.

Museum Grant Scheme of Ministry of Culture, Government of India**(Rs. in Lakh)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Sanction Year	Sanctioned Amount	Released Amount	Physical Progress	Remarks
1.	Development of Digital Ramayana Gallery (Digital Intervention) at International Ram Katha Museum and Art Gallery, Ayodhya	February 2019	1348.17 (Central Govt. Share – Rs.800 Lakh State Govt. Share – Rs.548 Lakh)	879.62 (Amt. Released by Central Govt. – Rs.400 Lakh Amt. Released by State Govt. – Rs.479.62 Lakh)	95%	Work in progress
