

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†576
ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023**

SET UP OF SPECIAL TOURISM ZONES IN RAJASTHAN

†576. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of rural tourism projects launched in the State of Rajasthan including Jalore Sirohi district;**
- (b) the details of the amount spent by the Government on these projects;**
- (c) whether all these projects have been successful;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up special tourism zones in Rajasthan especially in the deserts of Rajasthan;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the names of places identified for this purpose?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (f): The Ministry of Tourism launched its 'Swadesh Darshan Scheme' in 2014-15 with the objective of integrated development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits in the country and Rural Tourism is one of the identified themes under the scheme for development. The objective of the scheme included creation of tourism infrastructure at the selected sites/destinations and to enhance visitor experience/satisfaction.

The Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan scheme has not sanctioned any project under Rural Circuit theme in Rajasthan. However, Rural Circuit theme projects have been sanctioned in the States of Bihar and Kerala, the details of which are at annexure-I.

The details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme in Rajasthan in different themes is placed at annexure-II.

The Ministry of Tourism has not identified any place in Rajasthan to set up special tourism zone. However, the Ministry has revamped the Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations and has identified 'Bundi (Keshoraipatan)' and 'Jodhpur' for development in the State of Rajasthan.

ANNEXURE-I**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†576 ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023 REGARDING SET UP OF SPECIAL TOURISM ZONES IN RAJASTHAN****LIST OF SANCTIONED PROJECTS UNDER RURAL CIRCUIT THEME OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME****(Amount in ₹ crore)**

S. No.	Name of State	Year of sanction	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released *	Utilized Amount (as per UC submitted by State Government)	Completion timeline
1.	Bihar	(2017-18)	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitihara-Chandriahia-Turkaulia	44.27	39.96	35.72	Physically complete
2.	Kerala	(2018-19)	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35	30.98	20.74	Dec 23

***includes amount released to Central Nodal Agency (CNA) as per new financial procedure.**

ANNEXURE-II**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†576 ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023 REGARDING SET UP OF SPECIAL TOURISM ZONES IN RAJASTHAN****LIST OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME IN RAJASTHAN****(Amount in ₹ crore)**

Theme / Year of Sanction	Name of Project	Sanctioned amount	Amount released*	Amount utilized (as per UC submitted by State Government)	Physical completion Status
Desert Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations	50.01	50.01	55.89	Complete
Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	75.80	72.01	67.30	99%
Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Spiritual Circuit- 'Development of Churu (Salasar Balaji)-Jaipur (Shri Samodke Balaji, Ghatke Balaji,	87.05	72.23	75.03	Complete

	Bandheke Balaji)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) - Mehndipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)				
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	70.61	60.91	67.04	Complete

	(Pratap Gaurav Kendra) - Dholpur (Bagh-I- Nilofor and Purani Chawani) - Nagaur (Meera Bai Smarak, Merta) - Tonk (Sunehri Kothi)				
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