

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†629
ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023**

DEVELOPMENT OF NIRVANA PLACE OF SAINT KABIR

†629. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Nirvana place of Sufi saint Kabir is located in “Maghar” of Sant Kabir Nagar district;**
- (b) whether the Kabir Chauraha complex is spread over 27 acres of land which houses his Mazar as well as Samadhi;**
- (c) whether it remains a centre of faith for people of all religions;**
- (d) whether there is any proposal of the Government to develop it as an “International Tourism Destination” to promote tourism in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh is a Buddhist circuit area for being the “Mahaparinirvana Sthal” of Lord Buddha; and**
- (f) whether there is any proposal of the Ministry to develop the Buddhist circuit area of much importance as a tourist and scenic spot and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): Nirvana place of sufi saint Kabir is located at ‘Maghar’ of Sant Kabir Nagar District and is a centre of faith for people of all religions. Maintenance of land records and development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the concerned district administration and respective State Government. However, the Ministry of Tourism as part of its scheme of ‘Swadesh Darshan’ provided financial assistance to the State Governments/Union

Territory Administrations/Central Agencies under identified themes, in the country for development of tourism infrastructure. Under this scheme a total of 8 projects were sanctioned in Uttar Pradesh including 'Development of Heritage Circuit in Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mauhar Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)' sanctioned in 2016-17. This project included development of various components such as Ghat Development, development of Interpretation centre, Exhibition Centre and Gallery, Sound and Light Show, Cafeteria, Gazebos, Park Development etc. at Maghar Dham for an amount of Rs.17.75 Crore.

(e) to (f): The Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan scheme identified Buddhist Circuit as one of the themes for development and sanctioned 5 projects in the country for Rs.319.01 Crore including a project 'Development of Shravasti, Kushinagar and Kapilvastu' in the state of Uttar Pradesh in 2016-17 for an amount of Rs.87.89 Crore. An international airport at Kushinagar has also been inaugurated to give impetus to tourism in the region.
