

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1748
ANSWERED ON 03.08.2023

BOOSTING INFLOW OF FOREIGN TOURISTS

1748 SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- (a) the challenges faced by Government while boosting inflow of foreign tourists in the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has identified the potential of unexplored tourist places and if so, the steps taken by Government to develop such unexplored tourist places;
- (c) the details of the ongoing schemes for the development and promotion of under developed tourist places particularly in the State of Maharashtra; and
- (d) whether Central Government has received proposals from the State Government of Maharashtra for the development and promotion of tourism in unexplored areas and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): Tourism sector was adversely affected by Covid 19 pandemic which caused an unprecedented disruption to tourism promotion with a massive fall of international demand due to widespread lockdowns and travel restrictions put in place by countries in order to contain the spread of the virus. The international travel dropped by 74.9% in 2020, the worst year on record for tourism. The tourism sector is gradually recovering but the recovery measures face challenges for boosting inflow of foreign tourists partly due to global economic slowdown this has impacted the demand for tourism services.

The identification, development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tapping the potential of the tourism destinations within their States/UTs. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations under the Swadesh Darshan, Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and Assistance to Central Agencies Schemes for the development of tourism related infrastructure in the country as well as for organizing fairs/festivals & tourism related events under Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme for the development & promotion of tourism in the country.

Details of projects sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD Schemes for development of tourism in the country including Maharashtra, is given at Annexure.

Receiving proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations/Central Agencies for financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated conditions, operational viability and availability of funds.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1748 ANSWERED ON 03.08.2023 REGARDING BOOSTING INFLOW OF FOREIGN TOURISTS

DETAIL OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER IDENTIFIED THEMATIC CIRCUITS OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.

(Rs. in crore)

S. No	State/ UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
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
2	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2014-15	Development of Kakinada – Hope Island – Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary – Passarlapudi – Aduru – S Yanam – Kotipally	67.83
3	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nellore – Pulikat Lake – Ubbllamadugu Water Falls – Nelapattu-Kothakoduru- Mypadu – Ramateertham – Iskapalli	49.55
4	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda - Amravati- Anupu	35.24
5	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit 2014-15	Development of Bhalukpong- Bomdila and Tawang	49.77
6	Arunachal Pradesh	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nafra- Seppa- Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys- Sangdupota- New Sagalee-Ziro- Yomcha	96.72
7	Assam	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Manas– Probitora– Nameri– Kaziranga– Dibru– Saikhowa	94.68
8	Assam	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar	90.98
9	Bihar	Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad-Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	33.96
10	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76
11	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	95.18
12	Bihar	Rural Circuit 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia-Turkaulia	44.27
13	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	44.55

14	Chhattisgarh	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Jashpur- Kunkuri- Mainpat- Kamleshpur – Maheshpur -Kurdar – Sarodhadadar- Gangrel- Kondagaon– Nathiyanawagaon- Jagdalpur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh	96.10
15	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna- Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail	97.65
16	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2017-18	Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek – Dona Paula -Colva – Benaullim	99.35
17	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahmedabad- Rajkot- Porbandar –Bardoli- Dandi	58.42
18	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vadnagar- Modhera	91.12
19	Gujarat	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	26.68
20	Haryana	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra	70.91
21	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra, Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba	68.34
22	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Jammu-Srinagar-Pahalgam- Bhagwati Nagar-Anantnag-Salamabad Uri- Kargil-Leh	77.33
23	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu- Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama.	81.60
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
25	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai and Sudhmahadev	91.99
26	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Anantnag-Pulwama-Kishtwar-Pahalgam- Zanskar Padum – Daksum – Ranjit Sagar Dam	86.39
27	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla- Kupwara- Kargil – Leh	91.84
28	Jharkhand	Eco Circuit 2018-19	Development of Eco Tourism circuit: Dalma- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	30.11

29	Kerala	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady	64.08
30	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sabarimala – Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam	54.88
31	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sree Padmanabha Aranmula	78.08
32	Kerala	Rural Circuit 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35
33	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania- Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam	66.42
34	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna-Mukundpur- Sanjay- Dubri-Bandhavgarh-Kanha- Mukki- Pench	92.10
35	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar	74.02
36	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu	89.82
37	Madhya Pradesh	Eco Circuit 2017-18	Development of Gandhisagar Dam-Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam-Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam-Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River	93.76
38	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit – Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06
39	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada-Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad	53.96
40	Manipur	North-East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal- Khongjom	72.23
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
42	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2016-17	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng-Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort	99.13
43	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- KremTiro – Khudoi & Kohmang Falls – Khri River-Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmang- Iooksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)	84.97
44	Mizoram	North East Circuit	Development of Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek.	92.26

		2015-16		
45	Mizoram	Eco Circuit 2016-17	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl -Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Chatlang- Sakawrhmituaitlang – Muthee – Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang	66.37
46	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren-Kohima- Wokha	97.36
47	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mokokchung-Tuensang-Mon	98.14
48	Odisha	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82
49	Puducherry	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Dubrayapet – Arikamedu – Veerampattinam – Chunnambar – Nallavadu/Narambai – Manapet- Kalapet - Puducherry – Yanam	58.44
50	Puducherry	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Franco- Tamil Village, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam	49.44
51	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Karaikal, Yanam and Puducherry	34.96
52	Punjab	Heritage Circuit 2018-19	Development of Anandpur Sahib – Fatehgarh Sahib – Chamkaur Sahib – Ferozpur – Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour – Patiala	94.51
53	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations	50.01
54	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	75.80
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
56	Rajasthan	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Heritage Circuit Development of Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort) – Jaipur (I 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

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- Gangtok- TuminLingee- Singtam (exit)	98.05
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
59	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of (Chennai- Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	73.13
60	Telangana	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district	91.62
61	Telangana	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram- Medavaram- Tadvai- Damaravi- Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls	79.87
62	Telangana	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond’s Tomb	96.90
63	Tripura	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Agartala – Sipahijala – Melaghar – Udaipur – Amarpur- Tirthamukh- Mandirghat– Dumboor- NarikelKunja- Gandachara– Ambassa	82.85
64	Tripura	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of Surma Cherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati – Bhunaneshwari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chottakhola- Pilak- Avangchaarra	44.83
65	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	87.89
66	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45
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	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
69	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mahuar	33.92

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70	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21
71	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda	12.03
72	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	18.30
73	Uttarakhand	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tehri-Chamba- Sarain around Tehri Lake.	69.17
74	Uttarakhand	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kumaon Region – Katarmal – Jogeshwar – Baijnath – Devidhura.	76.32
75	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur-Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani-Fraserganj-Bakkhlai- Henry Island	67.99
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
Total				5303.64

DETAIL OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME

(Rs. in crore)

State/UT	S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost
Andhra Pradesh	1	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination**	2015-16	27.77
	2	Development of Srisailem Temple**	2017-18	43.08
	3	Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam Temple	2022-23	54.04
Arunachal Pradesh	4	Development of Parshuram Kund, Lohit Distt.	2020-21	37.88
Assam	5	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati. **	2015-16	29.80
Bihar	6	Development at Patna Sahib**	2015-16	41.54
	7	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar**	2014-15	4.27
Chhattisgarh	8	Development of Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple, Dongargarh, Rajnandgaon District, Chhattisgarh	2020-21	43.33

Gujarat	9	Development of Dwarka**	2016-17	13.08
	10	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath**	2016-17	45.36
	11	Development of Promenade at Somnath**	2018-19	47.12
	12	Development of Pilgrim Plaza with Queue management complex at Somnath Gujarat	2021-22	49.97
	13	Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple, Banaskantha, Gujarat	2022-23	50.00
Haryana	14	Development of Mata Mansa and Nada Saheb Gurudwara Devi Temple in Panchkula District	2019-20	49.52
Jammu and Kashmir	15	Development at Hazratbal Shrine, Srinagar	2016-17	40.46
Jharkhand	16	Development of Baba Baidyanath Dham, Deoghar**	2018-19	39.13
Karnataka	17	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple, Mysuru	2023-24	45.71
Kerala	18	Development at Guruvayur Temple**	2016-17	45.19
Madhya Pradesh	19	Development of Amarkantak	2020-21	49.99
	20	Development of Omkareshwar**	2017-18	43.93
Maharashtra	21	Development of Trimbakeshwar, Nashik	2017-18	52.92
Meghalaya	22	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya	2020-21	29.32
Mizoram	23	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism in the State of Mizoram	2022-23	44.89
Nagaland	24	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland	2018-19	25.26
	25	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto	2022-23	18.18
Odisha	26	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham – Ramachandi - Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit #	2014-15	50.00
Punjab	27	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar**	2015-16	6.40
	28	Development of Chamkaur Sahib at Ropar, Punjab	2021-22	31.57
Rajasthan	29	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64
Sikkim	30	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32
Tamil Nadu	31	Development of Kanchipuram**	2016-17	13.99
	32	Development of Velankanni**	2016-17	4.86
Telangana	33	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple, Alampur	2020-21	36.73
	34	Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara	2022-23	62.00

		(Ramappa) Temple, Mulugu		
	35	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam, Bhadradi Kothagudem District	2022-23	41.38
Tripura	36	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple, Udaipur	2020-21	37.80
Uttar Pradesh	37	Development of Varanasi –Phase –I**	2015-16	18.72
	38	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II) **	2014-15	10.98
	39	River Cruise Tourism in Ganga, Varanasi**	2017-18	9.02
	40	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan**	2014-15	9.36
	41	Development of Varanasi – Phase II**	2017-18	44.60
	42	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	2018-19	39.74
Uttarakhand	43	Integrated Development of Kedarnath**	2015-16	34.77
	44	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham	2018-19	56.15
	45	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities and Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham	2021-22	54.36
West Bengal	46	Development of Belur Math	2016-17	30.03
		Total		1630.15

** Projects completed # Project Declared completed to the extent work done
