

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+2490  
ANSWERED ON 18.12.2023**

**FACILITIES FOR TOURISTS AT GHORA KATORA**

**+2490.SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to promote tourism in the country;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up an international library, an airport and a five-star hotel at the famous tourist place Ghora Katora at Nalanda district in the State of Bihar;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the additional facilities which the Government proposes to provide to the tourists visiting Ghora Katora, so as to increase the footfall of tourists?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a): Ministry of Tourism promotes the tourism destinations and tourism products of the country in a holistic manner. The promotions are carried out under the schemes of “Domestic Promotion and Publicity including Hospitality” (DPPH) and “Overseas Promotion and Publicity” (OPP) in the domestic and significant global markets. Information on tourist destinations in the country, are promoted through the promotional web-site – [www.incredibleindia.org](http://www.incredibleindia.org) and the social media handles of the Ministry.**

**Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism is complementing the efforts by providing Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies under the Schemes of Swadesh Darshan, National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and Assistance to Central**

**Agencies for development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities to provide an enriching tourism experience to the visitors.**

**(b) to (d): The details of the funds sanctioned and released to the State Government of Bihar under the aforementioned Schemes are given in Annexure. Nalanda has also been identified as one of the destinations in Bihar to be developed under the revamped Swadesh Darshan Scheme 2.0 as a sustainable and responsible tourist destination.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+2490 ANSWERED ON 18.12.2023 REGARDING FACILITIES FOR TOURISTS AT GHORA KATORA BY SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR****DETAILS OF THE FUNDS PROVIDED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM FACILITIES IN BIHAR YEAR-WISE UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN AND PRASHAD SCHEMES****List of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Rs. in crore)**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of Circuit and Sanction Year</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Vaishali-Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri</b>	<b>33.96</b>	<b>30.04</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar</b>	<b>44.76</b>	<b>42.52</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Buddhist Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya</b>	<b>95.18</b>	<b>93.22</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Rural Circuit 2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia</b>	<b>44.27</b>	<b>39.96</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit 2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Mandar Hill &amp; Ang Pradesh</b>	<b>44.55</b>	<b>42.32</b>

**List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme****(Rs. in crore)**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Development at Patna Sahib</b>	<b>41.54</b>	<b>33.23</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad Temple, Gaya, Bihar</b>	<b>4.27</b>	<b>2.91</b>

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