

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
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THEME-BASED TOURIST CIRCUIT

+986 SHRI SATPAL BRAHAMCHARI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of the theme-based tourist circuits identified in Haryana State particularly in Sonipat Parliamentary Constituency for integrated development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme;**
- (b) whether the Government provides financial assistance to the States under the said scheme; and**
- (c) if so, the amount of financial assistance provided by the Government for integrated development of tourist circuits in Haryana along with the district-wise details of the said circuits?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector scheme of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations in consultation with them. The Ministry of Tourism with the objective to develop thematic circuits in the country, sanctioned 76 projects for Rs.5287.90 crores including 1 project in Haryana as per the details given below:

(Rs. in crores)

| State/UT | Circuit / Sanction Year | Name of the Project | Amount Sanctioned |
|-----------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| Haryana | Krishna Circuit 2016-17 | Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra | 77.39 |

The Ministry has recently revamped the scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0(SD 2.0) with the vision to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations and has identified 57 destinations in the country for development under the scheme including Panchkula (Morni) in Haryana.
