

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+1147  
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2024**

**GUEST HOUSES FOR FOREIGNERS**

**+1147 SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:**

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

- (a) the number of places identified by the Government for tourism in Bihar along with the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government extends financial assistance to the Government of Bihar for the renovation of tourist places;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish Government guest houses in the country including Bihar for the convenience of foreign tourists at all tourist places; and**
- (d) the State-wise names and details of the tourist places in the country where the Government has established such Government guest houses?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (b): The Ministry of Tourism through its ongoing central sector scheme of 'Swadesh Darshan' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/ UT Administrations. Under the Swadesh Darshan scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 05 project for Rs.262.72 Crore in the State of Bihar, the details of which is annexed.**

**The Ministry of Tourism has recently revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, following a destination & tourism-centric approach. In consultation with the States/UTs and in line with the scheme guidelines, the Ministry has accordingly identified 57 destinations in the country for development under SD 2.0 including 'Gaya' & 'Nalanda' in Bihar. In addition, the Ministry has identified 'Bhagalpur' and 'Saran District (Sonapur Fair)' under Culture & Heritage Destinations category in Bihar under 'Challenge Based Destination Development' (CBDD), a sub-scheme under Swadesh Darshan 2.0.**

**(c): No.**

**(d): Does not arise.**

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**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. +1147 ANSWERED ON 29.07.2024 GUEST HOUSES FOR FOREIGNERS RAISED BY SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT****DETAIL OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER IDENTIFIED THEMATIC CIRCUITS OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME IN THE STATE OF BIHAR.****(Amount in ₹ crore)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/ UT</b>	<b>Circuit / Sanction Year</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri</b>	<b>33.96</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar</b>	<b>44.76</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Buddhist Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya</b>	<b>95.18</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Rural Circuit 2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia</b>	<b>44.27</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit 2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Mandar Hill &amp; Ang Pradesh</b>	<b>44.55</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>262.72</b>

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