

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.†*98
ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024**

DEVELOPMENT OF VALMIKI ASHRAM IN BIHAR

†*98. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Valmiki Nagar in the State of Bihar has got immense potential for tourism;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to develop Valmiki Ashram considering its significant tourist attractions; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. †*98 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF VALMIKI ASHRAM IN BIHAR RAISED BY SHRI SUNIL KUMAR.

(a) to (c): Development of tourist place and their infrastructure is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments/UT Administrations.

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 and availability of funds.

Though Ministry of Tourism recognizes the tourism potential of Valmiki Nagar in Bihar, however, no such proposal is under consideration as no proposal in the prescribed format has been received from the State Government.

Further, the Ministry of Tourism through its ongoing schemes of “Swadesh Darshan” and “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)” and “Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development” complements the efforts of the State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs) by extending financial assistance on receipt of proposal from SGs/UTs/Central Agencies for tourism infrastructure development at various tourism destinations in the country including the State of Bihar.

The Government of India under the guidelines for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) for Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale has approved 2 projects namely ‘Development of

Matsyagandha Lake, Saharsa' and 'Karamchat Eco-Tourism and Adventure Hub' in the State of Bihar at a cost of Rs.147.12 Crore.

The details of projects sanctioned in the State of Bihar under different schemes of the Ministry is given at Annexure.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. †*98 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF VALMIKI ASHRAM IN BIHAR RAISED BY SHRI SUNIL KUMAR.****The details of the projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Bihar.****(Rs. In Crore)**

State	Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Sanction Year	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
Bihar	1	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62	29.62
	2	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple	2014-15	3.63	3.63

The details of the project sanctioned under SWADESH DARSHAN Scheme in Bihar.**(Rs. In Crore)**

Circuit Name	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	33.96	30.04
Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76	42.52
Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	95.18	95.18
Rural Circuit 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.27	40.31
Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	44.55	42.32

The details of Projects sanctioned under 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' Scheme in Bihar.

(Rs. In Crore)

Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
2013-14	Joint Development of Gaya Railway Station	5.18	4.14
2023-24	3D Mapping with Aqua Screen Projection and Sound Show at Buxar, Bihar and Dynamic Lighting & Motif at Ram Rekha Ghat, Bihar	5.99	0.599

Details of Projects sanctioned under Special Assistance to States/Union Territories for Capital Investment (SASCI) in Bihar

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Cost (in ₹ Crore)
1.	Development of Matsyagandha Lake, Saharsa	97.61
2.	Karamchat Eco-Tourism and Adventure Hub	49.51
