GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1006 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM PROJECTS IN BIHAR

1006. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the projects for development of tourism approved, sanctioned and executed in the State of Bihar particularly in Bhagalpur parliamentary constituency during the last three years including the current year, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the tourism projects completed so far and the time by which the remaining projects are likely to be completed;
- (c) the reasons for the delay in completion of the pending projects;
- (d) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for the development of tourism sector in the State during the said period, year-wise; and
- (e) whether the State Government of Bihar has submitted any proposal to the Government and if so, the details thereof along with the present status of ongoing projects in the State of Bihar?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): 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 to SGs/UTs/Central Agencies for tourism infrastructure development at various tourism destinations in the country including Bihar. The Ministry of Tourism, has identified Bhagalpur and Saran District (Sonepur Fair) in Bihar for development,

under its Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), a subscheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0.

The details of projects sanctioned and amount released and the status of the project in the State of Bihar under the above mentioned schemes of the Ministry is given at Annexure.

The projects sanctioned under the above schemes are implemented by respective State Government/UT Administrations/Central agencies. Ministry of Tourism regularly monitors the progress of project and also encourages respective State Government/UT Administrations/Central Agencies to complete the projects in a time bound manner.

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.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1006 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM PROJECTS IN BIHAR RAISED BY SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL

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 | Physical Progress |
|-------|------------|---|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Bihar | 1 | Development at Patna Sahib | 2015-16 | 29.62 | 29.62 | Completed |
| | 2 | Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple | 2014-15 | 3.63 | 3.63 | Completed |

The details of the project sanctioned under SWADESH DARSHAN Scheme in Bihar.

(Rs. In Crore)

| State | Circuit Name | Name of the Project | Amount Sanctioned | Amount Released | Physical Progress |
|-------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Bihar | Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17 | Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri | 33.96 | 30.04 | Completed |
| Bihar | Spiritual Circuit 2016-17 | Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar | 44.76 | 42.52 | Completed |
| Bihar | Buddhist Circuit 2016-17 | Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya | 95.18 | 95.18 | Completed |

| Bihar | Rural Circuit 2017-18 | Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia | 44.27 | 40.31 | Completed |
|-------|---------------------------------|--|-------|-------|-----------|
| Bihar | Spiritual Circuit 2017-18 | Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh | 44.55 | 42.32 | Completed |

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 | Physical progress |
|------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 2013-14 | Joint Development of Gaya Railway Station | 5.18 | 4.14 | Ongoing |
| 2023-24 | 3D Mapping with Aqua Screen Projection and Sound Show at Buxar, Bihar and Dynamic Lighting & Motif at Ram RekhaGhat, Bihar | 5.99 | 0.599 | Ongoing |
