GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1051 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024

IMPROVEMENT IN BASIC AMENITIES AT TOURISM PLACES

†1051. SHRI MURARI LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether budget provision has been made to improve basic facilities like toilet, drinking water, transportation and health services at the tourist places in the State of Rajasthan so that domestic and foreign tourist could get better facilities, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has implemented any policy to put a check on tourism activities in environment sensitive areas like Thar Desert, Aravalli Mountain Range and Wild life sanctuaries and also for environment protection; and
- (c) if so, the details of the policy formulated and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): 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 the State of Rajasthan. These initiatives aims to develop identified sites/ destinations holistically, focusing on the development of infrastructure including provision of basic amenities for the tourists.

Under Swadesh Darshan Scheme, the Ministry has sanctioned a total of 76 projects for Rs.5287.90 Crore across the country, which includes

projects under various theme based circuits like Wildlife Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit etc.

The Ministry has now revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations following a tourist & destination centric approach. Under SD 2.0, the Ministry of Tourism has identified two destinations for development viz. Bundi (Keshoraipatan) and Jodhpur in Rajasthan and has sanctioned one project in Bundi at a cost of Rs.17.37 crore.

Ministry of Tourism has formulated National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism. In line with the National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism, Ministry of Tourism has launched the Travel for LiFE Initiative. The 'Travel for LiFE' program aims to bring large-scale behavioural change amongst tourists and tourism businesses to nudge the tourists and tourism businesses to adopt sustainable practices synchronous with nature.

The details of the projects sanctioned and in the State of Rajasthan under different schemes of the Ministry is annexed.

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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1051 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024 REGARDING IMPROVEMENT IN BASIC AMENITIES AT TOURISM PLACES RAISED BY SHRI MURARI LAL MEENA.

Project sanctioned in Rajasthan under PRASHAD Scheme

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| Sr. No. | Name of the Project | Sanction Year | Amount Sanctioned |
| 1 | Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer | 2015-16 | 32.64 |

Projects sanctioned in Rajasthan under SWADESH DARSHAN Scheme

(Rs. In Crore)

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|------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Sr. No. | Circuit/Year | Name of the Project | Amount Sanctioned |
| 1. | Desert Circuit 2015-16 | Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations | 50.01 |
| 2. | Krishna Circuit 2016-17 | Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand) | 75.80 |
| 3. | Spiritual Circuit 2016-17 | Development of Spiritual Circuit– 'Development of Churu (Salasar Balaji)-Jaipur (Shri Samodke Balaji, Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)- | |
| | | Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) - Mehndipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji) | 87.05 |
| 4. | Heritage Circuit 2017-18 | Development of Heritage Circuit Development of Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort) - Jaipur (Facade Illumination in Jaipur and Nahargarh Fort) -Jhalawar (Gagron Fort) - Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) - Jaisalmer (Jaisalmer Fort) - | 70.61 |

| Hanumangarh (Gogamedi) - Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra) - Dholpur (Bagh-I-Nilofor and Purani Chawani) - Nagaur (Meera Bai Smarak, Merta) - | |
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| Tonk (Sunehri Kothi) | |

List of Projects sanctioned under 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Infrastructure Development' in Rajasthan.

(Rs. In Crore)

| Sr. No. | Sanction Year | Name of the Project | Amount Sanctioned |
|------------|------------------|---|----------------------|
| 1. | 2014-15 | Joint Development of Ajmer Railway Station | 5.52 |
| 2. | 2014-15 | Joint Development of Jaipur Railway Station | 4.88 |
| 3. | 2019-20 | Joint Development of Chhitorgarh Railway Station | 4.99 |
| 4. | 2022-23 | Development of border tourism at Border Security Force Check Post, Tanot complex | 17.67 |
| 5. | 2023-24 | Installation of Musical Fountain & Water Screen Multimedia based projection show at NawalSagar Lake, Bundi | 9.25 |

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

| Sr. No. | Name of the Project | Cost (in ₹ Crore) |
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| 1. | Development at Amber-Nahargarh and surrounding Area, Jaipur | 49.31 |
| 2. | Development at Jal Mahal, Jaipur | 96.61 |

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