

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3427  
ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024**

**SETTING-UP OF TOURIST PARK IN RURAL AREAS**

**†3427. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:**

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

- (a) the details of the steps being taken by the Government for promoting tourism in the State of Bihar;**
- (b) whether steps are being taken by the Government for setting up tourist parks in rural areas of historical tourist city Nalanda in Bihar for promoting tourism; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism promotes India in a holistic manner, as a tourist destination, through various initiatives including promotional events, assistance to State Governments for organizing fairs and festivals, etc. The Ministry also promotes various tourist destinations and products of Bihar through its website and social media.**

**Ministry extends financial support to State Governments and Union Territories for promotion and development of tourism including Bihar under its schemes of Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH), Swadesh Darshan, National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Schemes.**

**The Ministry has revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme in the form of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 with the mission to create a robust framework for integrated development of tourism destinations in**

**partnership with the States/UTs and local governments for promoting sustainable and responsible tourism in the country. Under this Scheme, Gaya and Nalanda in Bihar has been selected for development.**

**The details of projects sanctioned under DPPH, Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD, Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Schemes, in the State of Bihar is at ANNEXURE.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3427 ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024 REGARDING SETTING-UP OF TOURIST PARK IN RURAL AREAS RAISED BY SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR.****List of Projects Sanctioned under various Schemes in the State of Bihar during last five years:****(₹ in Crore)**

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>
<b>Swadesh Darshan</b>	<b>Rural Circuit 2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Bhitiharwa-Chandrahia- Turkaulia</b>	<b>44.27</b>
	<b>Spiritual Circuit 2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Mandar Hill &amp; Ang Pradesh</b>	<b>44.55</b>
	<b>Wayside Amenities 2018-19</b>	<b>Development of Wayside Amenities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at Varanasi-Gaya; Kushinagar-Gaya- Kushinagar in collaboration with MoRTH</b>	<b>15.07</b>
<b>PRASHAD</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Development at Patna Sahib</b>	<b>41.54</b>
	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple</b>	<b>3.63</b>
<b>Domestic Promotion &amp; Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH)</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>Sonepur Fair</b>	<b>25.00</b>
		<b>Rajgir Mahotsav</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>3D Mapping with Aqua Screen Projection and Sound Show at Buxar, Bihar and Dynamic Lighting &amp; Motif at Ram Rekha Ghat, Bihar</b>	<b>5.99</b>

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