

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+2747
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025**

DEVELOPMENT OF MITHILA REGION

+2747. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are dozens of historical and religious places across the Mithila region including Darbhanga, that need to be conserved, promoted and have the potential to be developed as tourist places;**
- (b) whether the Government plans to develop major historical and religious places in Mithila as 'Mithila Circuit'; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, including historical and religious tourism is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry complements the efforts of States/UTs by developing and promoting various tourism products of the country, including historical and religious tourism in Mithila region through various schemes and initiatives.

As conveyed by the Archaeological Survey of India, ASI Patna Circle has one number of Centrally protected monument namely Raja Bali ka Garh, Balirajgarh, District – Madhubani under its jurisdiction which is conserved and maintained by Archaeological survey of India (ASI) as per the requirement and availability of the fund. Besides, two state protected monuments namely – Ahilya Sthan, District, Darbhanga and Hareshwarnath Temple, Dwarka, District – Madhubani are also taken care of by State Archaeology Department, Government of Bihar.

Ministry of Tourism under the schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation & Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for the development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities at various tourism destinations in the country including in Bihar and Jharkhand.

Government of India during the current financial i.e. year 2024-25 has sanctioned 40 projects across the country including in Bihar and Jharkhand under 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' Scheme. A project Development of Matsyagandha Lake in Saharsa has been sanctioned for an amount of Rs.97.61 Crore.

Details of projects sanctioned under the aforementioned schemes in Bihar and Jharkhand is Annexed.

Currently there is no proposal to develop major historical and religious places in Mithila as 'Mithila Circuit'. However, proposals are received from States/UTs from time to time for seeking financial assistance under the various schemes of the Ministry of Tourism. These proposals are extended for projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated provisions and availability of funds.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+2747 ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF MITHILA REGION RAISED BY SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR**

(i). List of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme in the States of Bihar and Jharkhand is as under:

Amount in (₹ Crore)

S. No.	State/ UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Bihar	Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	33.96
2.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76
3.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	95.18
4.	Bihar	Rural Circuit 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.27
5.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	44.55
6.	Jharkhand	Eco Circuit 2018-19	Development of Eco Tourism circuit: Dalma- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	30.44

(ii). List of Projects sanctioned in Bihar and Jharkhand under PRASHAD scheme of the Ministry of Tourism is as under:

Amount in (₹ Crore)

S. No.	State/UT	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost
1.	Bihar	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62
2.	Bihar	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple	2014-15	3.63
3.	Jharkhand	Development of Baba Baidya Nath Dham	2018-19	36.79

(iii) List of Projects Sanctioned in Bihar under the Scheme Assistance to Central Agencies

Sr. No.	Name of Project	State	Agency	Sanction Date	Amount sanctioned (in Lakh)
1.	3D Mapping with Aqua Screen Projection and Sound Show at Buxar, Bihar and Dynamic Lighting & Motif at Ram Rekha Ghat, Bihar	Bihar	BECIL	10-06-2024	599.96

(iv) List of Projects sanctioned in Bihar and Jharkhand under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI Scheme) is as under:

Amount in (₹ Crore)

S. No.	State	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost
1.	Bihar	Development of Matsyagandha Lake in Saharsa	97.61
2.	Bihar	Karamchat Eco-Tourism and Adventure Hub in Karamchat	49.51
3.	Jharkhand	Eco-Tourism Development of Tilaiyya in Koderma	34.87
