

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1347
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025**

FUNDS UNDER SDS IN ROHTAS AND KAIMUR, BIHAR

†1347. SHRI MANOJ KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allocated, sanctioned, disbursed and utilised in Rohtas and Kaimur districts of Bihar under Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) since its inception, year-wise;**
- (b) the details of the technological integration being carried out under the said scheme for improvement in tourist services and visitor engagement particularly in the said districts;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to find out the possibilities of partnership with international agencies to enhance basic level amenities by developing the sites in the said districts under the said scheme;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government has prepared a comprehensive roadmap to cover the said sites in the said districts for expansion of the said scheme including the names of the said sites and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): Development and Promotion of tourist destinations and tourism products is primarily undertaken by the respective State Government/ Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan(SD)', Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)' – a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations; subject to

availability of funds, adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) by the State Government etc.

In addition, Government of India under its initiative for 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI)' has also provided financial assistance to the States for development of tourism projects.

The details of the projects sanctioned along-with funds allocated, released/authorized and utilized under Swadesh Darshan, SD2.0 and CBDD scheme in the state of Bihar is Annexed.

In the project proposal received from States/UTs, certain components such as digital displays under the interpretation centre, website development for online ticketing and Augmented Reality/ Virtual Reality (AR/VR) facilities under the tourist information centre are included by the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations.

Currently, no tourism programs under Ministry of Tourism are being funded by international agencies.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1347 ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025 REGARDING FUNDS UNDER SDS IN ROHTAS AND KAIMUR, BIHAR RAISED BY SHRI MANOJ KUMAR

Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Bihar:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

S. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Released / Authorized	Amount Utilized
1.	Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	33.96	30.04	29.36
2.	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76	42.52	42.17
3.	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	95.18	95.18	95.18
4.	Rural Circuit 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.27	40.31	40.31
5.	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	44.55	42.32	42.32

Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in the State of Bihar:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

S. No.	Year of Sanction	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Authorized for utilization by State Implementing Agency
1.	2024-25	Bodh Gaya	Development of the Buddhist Meditation & Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya	165.44	16.54

Details of Project sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme in the State of Bihar:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

S.No.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Authorized for utilization by State Implementing Agency
1.	2024-25	Development of Tourist Facilities at Sonapur Mela Ground, Saran	24.29	2.43
