

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2419  
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025**

**DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN BHAGALPUR, BIHAR**

**†2419. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Bhagalpur district of Bihar is famous for rich cultural heritage, ancient temples and religious places like Champa Nagar, Vikramshila, Mahavihar and Bateshwar Sthan;**
- (b) whether any special scheme/project has been initiated by the Government to promote cultural and religious tourism in Bhagalpur and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any special efforts are being made to bring these sites on national/international tourist map;**
- (d) whether any financial assistance is being provided to the State Government for development of roads, electricity, drinking water, accommodation and other basic facilities for pilgrims to these religious places; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a): Yes, Bhagalpur district of Bihar holds immense historical, cultural and religious significance.**

**(b) to (e): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, including cultural 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 cultural and religious tourism in Bhagalpur through various schemes and initiatives.**

**The Ministry of Tourism has not sanctioned any project in Bhagalpur, Bihar. However, the Ministry has sanctioned various projects in Bihar under its ongoing schemes, which are given in the Annexure. The major components under these projects includes tourist facilitation centres, parking development, signages, illumination, solar lights, external electrification, development of approach roads, basic amenities like drinking water and toilet blocks, etc.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2419 ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN BHAGALPUR, BIHAR RAISED BY SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL****List of Project under PRASHAD Scheme in Bihar**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned (Rs. Crore)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Development at Patna Sahib</b>	<b>29.62</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar</b>	<b>3.63</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Development of Ambika Bhawani Temple, Saran</b>	<b>13.29</b>

**List of Projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Bihar**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Circuit Name / Sanction Year</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned (Rs. Crore)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri</b>	<b>33.96</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar</b>	<b>44.76</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Buddhist Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya</b>	<b>95.18</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Rural Circuit 2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia</b>	<b>44.27</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit 2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Mandar Hill &amp; Ang Pradesh</b>	<b>44.55</b>

**List of Projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in Bihar**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned (Rs. Crore)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Bodh Gaya</b>	<b>Development of the Buddhist Meditation &amp; Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya</b>	<b>165.44</b>

**List of Projects sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), in Bihar**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost (Rs. Crore)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Development of Tourist Facilities at Sonapur Mela Ground, Saran</b>	<b>24.29</b>

**List of Projects sanctioned under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI Scheme) in Bihar**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned (Rs. Crore)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Development of Matsyagandha Lake in Saharsa</b>	<b>97.61</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Karamchat Eco-Tourism and Adventure Hub in Karamchat</b>	<b>49.51</b>

**List of Projects sanctioned under 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Infrastructure Development' in Bihar**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned (Rs. Crore)</b>
<b>1</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>
<b>2</b>	<b>Gaya Railway Station</b>	<b>5.18</b>

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