

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2425
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025**

INCLUSION OF GOLA GOKARNATH AND FROG TEMPLE IN SDS

†2425. SHRI UTKARSH VERMA MADHUR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include Gola Gokarnath and Frog Temple in the Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS);**
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) the details of the places selected under the said scheme in Uttar Pradesh?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): 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)' and 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)' – a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan; schemes complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development and amenities at tourism destinations across the country by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations. This financial assistance is extended, subject to receipt of project proposals in line with the scheme guidelines and other instructions issued in this regard, availability of funds, inter-se priority etc.

Presently, no proposal is under the consideration in the Ministry of Tourism to develop Gola Gokarnath and Frog Temple under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

The details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan, SD2.0 and CBDD scheme in the state of Uttar Pradesh are Annexed.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2425 ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025 REGARDING INCLUSION OF GOLA GOKARNATH AND FROG TEMPLE IN SDS RAISED BY SHRI UTKARSH VERMA MADHUR**

The list of the projects sanctioned in the state of Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan scheme:

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

S. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	87.89
2	Ramayana Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45
3	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi(Unnao)-Pratapgarh-Kausambi-Mirzapur-Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj-Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-Kairana-Baghpat-Shahjahanpur	71.91
4	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi	67.51
5	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- MagharDham(SantKabir Nagar)- ChauriChaura, Shaheed Sthal(Fatehpur)- MahuarshaheedSthal(Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak(Meerut)	36.65
6	Ramayana Circuit 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21

7	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda	12.03
8	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	18.30
9	Wayside Amenities 2018-19	Development of Wayside Amenities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at Varanasi-Gaya; Kushinagar-Gaya- Kushinagar in collaboration with MoRTH	17.50

List of sanctioned projects in the state of Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan 2.0:

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

S No.	Year of Sanction	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost
1	2023-24	Prayagraj	Azad Park and Dekho Prayagraj Trail Exp	14.52
2	2023-24	Naimisaranya	Vedic- wellness Experience	17.80

List of sanctioned projects under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan scheme in the state of Uttar Pradesh

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

S No.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost
1	2024-25	Development of Cultural Landscape at Mahoba	24.98
