

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3343#
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SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME IN BIHAR

3343# DR. BHIM SINGH:

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

- (a) the quantum of funds sanctioned to Bihar under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme so far, along with the quantum of funds released and spent out of it;
- (b) the tourist places of the State where works have been sanctioned under the scheme and the number of such works that have been completed, pending or in the initial stages;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the progress of the scheme has been slow, there by limiting the potential benefits from tourism; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to make public the site-wise details, status of expenditure and timeline of completion of each project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan scheme (SDS) sanctioned 76 projects in the country including 5 projects in Bihar, the details of which is as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Name of project	Circuit / Year of Sanction	Amount sanctioned	Amount released/ authorized	Amount utilized (as per UC)	Physical progress reported
Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17	33.96	30.04	29.36	Complete
Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	44.76	42.52	42.17	Complete
Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	95.18	95.18	95.18	Complete
Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	Rural Circuit 2017-18	44.27	40.31	40.31	Complete
Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	44.55	42.32	42.32	Complete

The Ministry of Tourism has revamped the Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 and has sanctioned a project 'Development of the Buddhist Meditation & Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya' for Rs.165.44 Crore in 2024-25. In addition, the Ministry under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan scheme has also sanctioned the project 'Development of Tourist Facilities at Sonepur Mela Ground, Saran' for Rs.24.29 Crore in 2024-25. The projects sanctioned in Bihar under SD2.0 and CBDD are under initial stage of execution. The list of the projects sanctioned under SDS, SD2.0, and CBDD is uploaded on the Ministry of Tourism's website www.tourism.gov.in.
