

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3507
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025**

PROMOTION OF TEMPLES AS TOURIST DESTINATIONS IN BIHAR

3507. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering for declaring major tourist destinations in Bihar's Bhagalpur district, including Champa Nagar, Budha Nath and Bateshwar Sthan Temples, as national tourism spots;**
- (b) whether any steps have been taken or proposals submitted by the Government to promote these temples under national tourism schemes, considering their historical, cultural and religious significance, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government plans to allocate special funds or launch development projects to enhance infrastructure, connectivity and tourism facilities at Champa Nagar, Budha Nath and Bateshwar Sthan Temples as well as Bihar and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of tourist destinations 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, through various schemes and initiatives.

No proposal is under the consideration of the Ministry of Tourism for development of tourism infrastructure around Champa Nagar, Budha Nath and Bateshwar Sthan Temples, Bhagalpur. However, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned various tourism development projects in Bihar, which are given in the Annexure.

Receiving proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations for financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfillment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3507 ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025 REGARDING PROMOTION OF TEMPLES AS TOURIST DESTINATIONS IN BIHAR RAISED BY SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL****List of Projects under PRASHAD Scheme in Bihar**

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

List of Projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Bihar

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

List of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in Bihar

Sr. No.	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. in Crore)
1	Bodh Gaya	Development of the Buddhist Meditation & Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya	165.44

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. in Crore)
1	Development of Tourist Facilities at Sonapur Mela Ground, Saran	24.28

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

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