

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†195
ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025**

PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPING NALANDA

**†195. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:
SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the proposal for developing Nalanda as a world-class tourism Centre as declared under Sl. No. 91 of Budget in July 2024-25; and**
- (b) the details of the works undertaken in Nalanda under the scheme along with their timeline and amount spent thereon?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): Development and promotion of tourism destinations and products is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA). A meeting on Union Budget Announcement 2024-25 regarding development of key pilgrimage sites in Bihar was held with the State Government of Bihar in July, 2025 during which SG of Bihar was requested to submit Destination Strategy and Development Plan for Nalanda.

The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD) and Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)', a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan scheme and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country by extending financial assistance to the SGs/UTAs in synergy with the scheme guidelines, receipt of the project proposals from the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, availability of funds etc.

Further, Government of India under its 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' sanctioned 40 projects in 23 States for Rs.3295.76 Crore in the country including Bihar in Financial Year 2024-25, with the primary objective to comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding and marketing them at global scale.

The details of the projects sanctioned under SD, SD2.0, PRASHAD, CBDD and SASCI schemes in the State of Bihar is annexed.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†195 ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025 REGARDING PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPING NALANDA RAISED BY SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV AND SHRI RAJESH RANJAN.****(i) 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
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- Chandraha- Turkaulia	44.27
5.	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	44.55

(ii) 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
1.	2024-25	Bodh Gaya	Development of the Buddhist Meditation & Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya	165.44

(iii) 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	Category	Sanctioned Cost
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1.	2024-25	Development of Tourist Facilities at Sonepur Mela Ground, Saran	Culture & Heritage	24.29
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(iv) Details of Project sanctioned under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme in the State of Bihar:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

S.No.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost
1.	2024-25	Development of Matsyagandha Lake in Saharsa	97.61
2.	2024-25	Karamchat Eco-Tourism and Adventure Hub in Karamchat	49.51

(v) Details of Project sanctioned under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme in the State of Bihar:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Sanction Amount
1.	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62
2.	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	2014-15	3.63
3.	Development of Ambika Bhawani Temple, Saran	2024-25	13.29
