

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1399
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026**

RAMAYANA AND BUDDHIST CIRCUITS IN UTTAR PRADESH

1399. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of development of the Ramayana Circuit and Buddhist Circuit in Uttar Pradesh under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, including the key sites covered in the State;**
- (b) whether the Government has any comprehensive plan to develop Siddharthnagar, as an important destination under the Buddhist Circuit; and**
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and utilised for improving tourism infrastructure, connectivity and visitor facilities under the Ramayana and Buddhist Circuits in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and the current year?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of tourism destinations and products including destination planning is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA). In order to complement the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country, Ministry of Tourism launched its Swadesh Darshan scheme (SDS) in 2014-15 and sanctioned 76 projects for Rs.5290.33 Crore under identified thematic circuits including Ramayana Circuit and Buddhist Circuit. The projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme in Ramayana and Buddhist Circuits in the State of Uttar Pradesh are physically complete. The details of projects sanctioned in the State of Uttar Pradesh under various thematic circuits including Ramayana and Buddhist Circuits in Swadesh Darshan Scheme is annexed.

Government of India under its 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' scheme, has also sanctioned projects in the country with the primary objective to comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding and marketing them at global scale. Under this scheme, the project 'Integrated Buddhist Tourism Development in Shrawasti' has been sanctioned in 2024-25 for Rs.80.24 Crore.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1399 ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026 REGARDING RAMAYANA AND BUDDHIST CIRCUITS IN UTTAR PRADESH RAISED BY SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL****Details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Uttar Pradesh**

Sl. No	State/UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (₹ Cr.)	Amount Released /Authorised (₹ Cr.)	Amount Utilised (₹ Cr.)
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sravasti, Kushinagar, &Kapilwastu	87.89	72.56	68.43
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayan a Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45	64.09	56.03
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh-Kausambi-Mirzapur-Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj-Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-Kairana-Baghpat-Shahjahanpur	71.91	69.63	69.63
4.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Bijnor- Meerut-Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda-Ghazipur-Salempur- Ghosi-	67.51	64.14	63.62

			Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi			
5.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- MagharDham(Sa ntKabir Nagar)- ChauriChaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- MahuarshaheedS thal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)	36.65	36.65	36.65
6.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayan a Circuit 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21	115.46	113.22
7.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri- Sikandrabad- Noida-Khurja- Banda	12.03	11.43	11.43
8.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	18.30	18.12	18.12
