

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2380
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2026

INCLUSION OF KUSHINAGAR UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN 2.0

2380 SHRI RATANJIT PRATAP NARAIN SINGH:

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

- (a) whether Kushinagar has been included as a destination under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme;
- (b) the details of Destination Master Plan prepared for the holistic development of the site;
- (c) the measures taken to develop sustainable and responsible tourism infrastructure there;
- (d) the status of stakeholder consultations held with the local community and the tourism industry; and
- (e) the timeline fixed for sanction and execution of the proposed projects?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): Development and promotion of tourism at different destinations including Buddhist Destinations and formulation of destination master plans is primarily done by the concerned State Government (SG)/UT Administration (UTA). However, Ministry of Tourism under its various schemes including 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)', 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)' and 'Challenge Based Destination Development – CBDD' (a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan scheme) provides financial assistance for development of tourism infrastructure and experiences in the country, on receipt of the project proposals from State Governments/UT Administrations, in synergy with the scheme guidelines, Government directions, availability of funds, inter-se priority etc. Various aspects of sustainability including environmental sustainability, socio-cultural sustainability and economic sustainability and stakeholder consultations are embedded in the SD2.0 scheme ideation.

The Ministry of Tourism has not sanctioned any project at Kushinagar under SD2.0 scheme but a project 'Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar & Kapilwastu' was sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism for Rs.87.89 Crore under Buddhist Circuit theme in 2016-17 in the state of Uttar Pradesh which is reported to be physically complete. Ministry of Tourism under SD2.0 scheme has sanctioned 2 projects and 1 project under CBDD initiative in the state of Uttar Pradesh as per the details **annexed**. These projects are executed by the concerned State Government and are at implementation stage.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2380 ANSWERED ON 12.03.2026 REGARDING INCLUSION OF KUSHINAGAR UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN 2.0 RAISED BY SHRI RATANJIT PRATAP NARAIN SINGH**

Details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 & CBDD schemes in the state of Uttar Pradesh

(Rs. In Crore)

Scheme	Name of the project	Year of Sanction	Sanction Amount
SD2.0	Vedic- wellness Experience, Naimisharanya	2023-24	17.80
	Azad Park and Dekho Prayagraj Trail Experince	2023-24	14.52
CBDD	Development of Cultural Landscape at Mahoba	2024-25	24.98
