

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2381
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2026

TOURISM IN PATNA

2381 SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the tourism potential of Patna, including religious, cultural and river-based tourism along the Ganga, has been assessed;
- (b) the details of projects sanctioned for Patna under Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD or other central schemes;
- (c) whether gaps exist in connectivity, accommodation and tourist facilities; and
- (d) the steps taken to develop sustainable tourism infrastructure and generate local employment opportunities in Bihar?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Development of sustainable tourism infrastructure resulting into employment generation and promotion of tourism including assessment of different destinations from tourism point of view, its gap analysis etc. is primarily done by the concerned State Government (SG)/UT Administration (UTA).

However, Ministry of Tourism under its various schemes such as ‘Swadesh Darshan (SD)’, ‘Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)’; ‘Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)’, an initiative under Swadesh Darshan 2.0; and ‘Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ etc. provides financial assistance for development of tourism infrastructure and experiences in the country to the SGs/UTAs, on receipt of the project proposals from them, in synergy with the scheme guidelines, Government directions, availability of funds, inter-se priority etc. A range of components which may enhance tourism facilitation at the destinations are considered for sanctioning, as per project requirement including those related to tourism core products, tourism activities, safety, sanitation, connectivity, parking, general site development, soft interventions etc. The Ministry encourages State Governments/UT Administrations to engage with local communities and ensure robust O&M of completed projects so as to increase footfall, generate local employment and enhance overall tourist satisfaction.

The details of the projects sanctioned under SD, SD2.0, CBDD and PRASHAD in the state of Bihar is **annexed**.

In addition, Government of India in 2024-25 sanctioned the project ‘Development of Matsyagandha Lake in Saharsa’ for Rs.97.61 Crore and ‘Karamchat Eco Tourism and Adventure Hub in Karamchat’ for Rs.49.51 Crore in the State of Bihar under the scheme ‘Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale’.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2381 ANSWERED ON 12.03.2026 REGARDING TOURISM IN PATNA RAISED BY SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH

The details of the projects sanctioned under SD, SD2.0, CBDD and PRASHAD in the state of Bihar:

(Rs. In Crore)

Scheme	Name of the project	Year of Sanction/ Circuit	Sanction Amount
SD	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17	33.96
	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	44.76
	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	95.18
	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	Rural Circuit 2017-18	44.27
	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	44.55
Swadesh Darshan 2.0	Development of the Buddhist Meditation & Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya	2024-25	165.44
CBDD	Development of Sonepur Fair Site	2024-25	24.29
PRASHAD	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62
	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	2014-15	3.63
	Development of AmbikaBhawani Temple, Saran	2024-25	13.29
