

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.148#**  
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2023

**DEVELOPMENT OF BUDDHIST SITES IN UTTAR PRADESH**

148# SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

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

- whether Government proposes to develop the Buddhist sites located in eastern Uttar Pradesh;
- if so, the details of the places selected under the said schemes; and
- the total amount of funds planned to be spent for the development of these places, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): Development of tourism infrastructure is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/ Union Territory Administration. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure under its ongoing schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) and 'Assistance to Central Agencies'. The assistance is provided in consultation with the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations/ Central Agencies and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier etc.

Ministry of Tourism had identified Buddhist Circuit as one of the thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme 1.0 (SD1.0) and has sanctioned one project under Buddhist Circuit theme in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

The details of the projects undertaken by Ministry of Tourism including at Buddhist sites located in Uttar Pradesh under the above mentioned schemes is as given below.

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

S. No.	Name of Scheme	Name of Project /Component	Amount Sanctioned
1	Swadesh Darshan	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	87.89
2	PRASHAD	Sound and Light show at Dhamek Stupa, Sarnath	7.34
3	PRASHAD	Buddha Theme Park, Sarnath	2.20
4	Assistance to Central Agencies	Illumination of three monuments in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh- 1. Dashashwamedh Ghat to Darbanga Ghat (stretch of 300 m) 2. Tulsi Manas Mandir 3. Sarnath Museum	2.93

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