

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3849**  
ANSWERED ON 06/04/2023

**DEVELOPMENT OF SITES RELATED TO LORD BUDDHA**

3849. SHRIMATI GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that sites related to Lord Buddha are visited by a huge number of international tourists;
- (b) if so, whether any special plan has been formulated by Government for the development of sites related to Lord Buddha;
- (c) the total number of sites related to Lord Buddha in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) the total amount spent by Government in the last five years for the development of sites related to Lord Buddha in Uttar Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The Ministry of Tourism under Buddhist Circuit theme has included the sites of Sravasti, Kushinagar, Kapilvastu and Bodhgaya in the Swadesh Darshan scheme for the development of sites related to Lord Buddha.
- (c) Five Centrally Protected Monuments and Sites namely Piprahwa & Ganwaria (Kapilvastu), Sravasti (Sahet & Mahet), Sarnath, Kushinagar and Sankisa in the State of Uttar Pradesh are related to Lord Buddha.
- (d) The total amount spent by Archaeological Survey of India in the last five years on the above sites is as under:-

Year	Expenditure (amount in cr)
2018-19	0.81
2019-20	0.51
2020-21	2.95
2021-22	1.38
2022-23	2.55

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