

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2219**  
ANSWERED ON 21.12.2023

**SANCTION OF FUNDS FOR BUDDHIST CIRCUIT**

2219 DR. AMAR PATNAIK:

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

- (a) whether the Final Revised DPR regarding the inclusion of the Dhauli-Ratnagiri-Lalitgiri- Udayagiri- Langudi Buddhist Circuit of Odisha under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme was submitted vide DoT Government of Odisha letter No. 8358/TSM dtd. 24.09.2019 to Government of India;
- (b) whether a reminder was communicated in this regard vide letter bearing No. 5562/TSM dtd.17.07.2020 to the Ministry;
- (c) whether the Ministry plans to approve the said project proposal for sanction under Swadesh Darshan Scheme; and
- (d) whether the Central Government will consider sanctioning funds for the development of Rural Circuit and Spiritual Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism launched its flagship scheme of 'Swadesh Darshan' in 2014-15 to compliment the efforts of State Governments/UT Administrations for building tourism facilities across the Nation and has sanctioned ₹5294.11 Crore for undertaking 76 projects including one project "Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara" sanctioned in Odisha for ₹70.82 crore in the year 2016-17. In addition, the Ministry of Tourism has also sanctioned projects under Rural and Spiritual thematic Circuits, the details of which is annexed.

After 2018-19, the Ministry of Tourism undertook a comprehensive review of the scheme and all the proposals submitted by State Governments were deemed returned. Now the Ministry has revamped the scheme as 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)' with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations. As per the SD2.0 scheme guidelines, the State Governments/UT Administrations prepare a State Perspective Plan (SPP) analysing tourism potential of various destinations based on the features like major tourism attractions, offerings, connectivity, current tourism eco system, state support etc. Accordingly, the Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the respective State Government/UT Administration selects destinations for development. The Ministry of Tourism has notified 55 destinations in the country including 'Koraput' in Odisha for development under the scheme.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2219 ANSWERED ON 21.12.2023 REGARDING SANCTION OF FUNDS FOR BUDDHIST CIRCUIT BY DR. AMAR PATNAIK**

**Detail of projects sanctioned under Rural and Spiritual Circuits of Swadesh Darshan scheme.**

**(Amount in ₹ crore)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of State</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
<b>RURAL CIRCUIT</b>					
1.	Bihar	2017-18	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.27	39.96
2.	Kerala	2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35	30.98
<b>SPIRITUAL CIRCUIT</b>					
1.	Kerala	2016-17	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.	47.74	27.44
2.	Manipur	2016-17	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple.	45.34	43.04
3.	Kerala	2016-17	Development of Sree Padmanabha Temple, Aranmula- Sabrimala	78.08	73.77
4.	Bihar	2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76	42.52
5.	Uttar Pradesh	2016-17	Development of Spiritual Circuit-I(Shahjahanpur-Allahabad-Basti-Ahar-Aligarh-Kasgunj-Sarosi-Pratapgarh-Unnao-Kaushambi-Mirzapur-Gorakpur- Kairana-Doamriyagunj- Bagpat-Barabanki-Azamgarh)	71.91	68.32
6.	Uttar Pradesh	2016-17	Development of Bijnor- Meerut-Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda-Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia-Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh-Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba-Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh-Bhadohi	67.51	64.14
7.	Rajasthan	2016-17	Development of Spiritual Circuit-'Development of Churu (Salasar	87.05	72.23

			Balaji)-Jaipur (Shri Samodke Balaji, Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) - Mehndipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)		
8.	Puducherry	2017-18	Development of Karaikal, Yanam and Puducherry	34.96	30.94
9.	Bihar	2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh.	44.55	42.32
10	Maharashtra	2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh- Telankhandi- Girad	53.96	32.04
11.	Uttar Pradesh	2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri- Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda	12.03	11.43
12.	Uttar Pradesh	2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple(Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple(Domariyaganj)	18.30	16.81
13.	Kerala	2018-19	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram- KunnumparaSreeSubrahmania- ChembazhanthiSree Narayana Gurukulam	66.42	42.01

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