

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.447#
ANSWERED ON 25.07.2024

DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL TOURISM SECTOR

447# DR. LAXMIKANT BAJPAYEE:

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

- (a) the tourism policy formulated by Government for development of local tourism sector alongwith the district-wise and area-wise details of the places included under the policy in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (b) whether the Central Government plans to develop Hastinapur, Garhmukteshwar and Bohla Jhal near New Delhi as important tourist destinations, by acknowledging their ancient historical and spiritual significance and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): The existing National Tourism Policy is a holistic policy document to guide promotion of National Tourism, therefore, it does not contain district-wise and area-wise details of the tourist destinations in the country.

However, Ministry of Tourism under the schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/ Central Agencies for the development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities at various tourism destinations in the country.

The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, following a destination & tourism centric approach.

The details of projects sanctioned under the above mentioned schemes in the State of Uttar Pradesh are given at **Annexure**.

Proposals are received from States/UTs from time to time for seeking financial assistance under the various schemes of the Ministry of Tourism. These proposals are extended for projects subject to fulfillment of the stipulated provisions and availability of funds.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.447# ANSWERED ON 25.07.2024 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL TOURISM SECTOR RAISED BY DR. LAXMIKANT BAJPAYEE

Swadesh Darshan Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	87.89	72.56
2.	Ramayana Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45	64.09
3.	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh- Kausambi-Mirzapur-Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj-Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-Kairana-Baghat- Shahjahanpur	71.91	69.63
4.	Spiritual Circuit 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
5.	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)-Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)-Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mahuar shaheed Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)	36.65	32.27
6.	Ramayana Circuit 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21	115.46
7.	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda	12.03	11.43
8.	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyaganj)	18.30	18.12

Swadesh Darshan 2.0**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sn	Destination	Interventions Name	Sanctioned Cost
1	Naimisharanya	Vedic- wellness Experience	15.94
2	Prayagraj	Azad Park and Dekho Prayagraj Trail Experience	13.02

PRASHAD Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released
1	Development of Varanasi –Phase –I	2015-16	18.73	18.73
2	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98	10.98
3	Development of River Cruise Tourism at Varanasi	2017-18	9.02	9.02
4	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan	2014-15	9.36	9.36
5	Development of Varanasi – Phase II	2017-18	44.60	31.77
6	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	2018-19	37.59	30.97

Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

S. No	Year	Name of Project	Agency	Amount sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	2017-18	Illumination of three monuments in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh- 1. Dashashwamedh Ghat to Darbanga Ghat (stretch of 300 m) 2. TulsiManasMandir 3. Sarnath Museum	CPWD	2.93	2.93
2.	2014-15	Illumination of monuments in Varanasi/Sarnath (Dhamekh Stupa in SarnathChaukhandi Stupa in Sarnath, Tomb of Lalkan in Sarnath and Man Mahal in Banaras).	ITDC	5.12	3.81
3.	2013-14	Joint Development of Rai Bareilly Railway Station	Ministry of Railways	4.44	3.55
4.	2013-14	Joint Development of Agra Cantt Railway Station	Ministry of Railways	5.05	5.05
