

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3186#**  
ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES UNDER  
SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME AND PRASHAD SCHEME**

3186# MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

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

- (a) whether any provision has been made by the Ministry to provide financial assistance to the States under Swadesh Darshan scheme and PRASHAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive) scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the main objective of the Ministry to develop the himalayan circuit under the Swadesh Darshan scheme; and
- (d) the funds allocated for the scheme to develop himalayan circuit?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations.

Ministry of Tourism has 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 & tourist-centric approach.

The Ministry of Tourism launched its Swadesh Darshan scheme (SDS) in the year 2014-15 with the objective to develop thematic circuits in the country, to augment tourism facilities in the country thereby promoting culture and heritage of the country, enhancing tourist attractiveness in a sustainable manner, creating awareness among the local communities about the importance of tourism, creating employment through active involvement of local communities etc. Seven projects were sanctioned under the Himalayan Circuit Theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme. Details of the projects under the Himalayn Circuit Theme are **Annexed**.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3186# ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025 REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME AND PRASHAD SCHEME RAISED BY MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI**

**List of sanctioned projects under Himalayan Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Circuit / Sanction Year</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned in ₹ Crore</b>
1.	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra, Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba	68.34
2.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Jammu-Srinagar-Pahalgam-Bhagwati Nagar-Anantnag-Salamabad Uri-Kargil-Leh	77.33
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama.	81.60
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities - Construction of Assets in lieu of those Destroyed in Floods in 2014 under PM Development Package	90.43
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai and Sudhmahadev	91.99
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Anantnag-Pulwama-Kishtwar-Pahalgam-Zanskar Padum - Daksum - Ranjit Sagar Dam	86.39
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla- Kupwara- Kargil - Leh	91.84

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