

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2900
ANSWERED ON 13.08.2026

TOURISM PROJECTS IN BIHAR

2900 SHRI SANJAY YADAV:

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

- (a) the details of projects sanctioned for Bihar under the Swadesh Darshan, Swadesh Darshan 2.0 and PRASHAD schemes since 2021, theme-wise, with the sanctioned cost, funds released and utilised and completion status of each, and Bihar's share in the total outlay of the scheme;
- (b) the projects sanctioned for the Buddhist circuit sites in Bihar and their physical and financial progress, the status of development of Punaura Dham, Sitamarhi, under the Ramayana circuit, including funds sanctioned, released by and utilised and the works completed; and
- (c) year-wise number of domestic and foreign tourists footfall in Bihar during the last five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and tourism products, is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG) /Union Territory Administration (UTA). However, the Ministry through its existing Central Sector Schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)', 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)' – a sub-scheme of SD2.0, and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations including Bihar; subject to adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) by them, availability of funds, Government directions, inter-se priority etc. Further, Operation & Management (O&M) of the assets created is also the responsibility of the concerned State Government (SG)/UT Administration (UTA).

One Project namely, "Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya" sanctioned in 2016-17 for Rs.95.18 Crore in Bihar under Swadesh Darshan Scheme is reported as physically complete. Further, no project under Ramayana Circuit in Bihar has been sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

The details of the projects sanctioned under SD, SD2.0, CBDD and PRASHAD schemes in the state of Bihar including fund released/authorized, utilized and physical status are **annexed**.

The Ministry of Tourism compiles the number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTV) from the information provided by the respective State Governments / Union Territory Administrations. The DTV and FTV to the state of Bihar during the last 5 years is as under:

(in number)

Year	DTV	FTV
2021	2,501,193	1,046
2022	25,330,364	86,829
2023	81,585,701	546,576
2024	65,463,304	736,720
2025	65,468,527	743,888

Source: Bihar Government

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2900 ANSWERED ON 13.08.2026 REGARDING TOURISM PROJECTS IN BIHAR RAISED BY SHRI SANJAY YADAV

(i) Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Bihar:

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

S. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Released / Authorized	Amount Utilized	Physical Status
1.	Tirthankar 2016-17	Development of Vaishali – Arrah - Masad-Patna-Rajgir- Pawapuri-Champapuri	33.96	29.36	29.36	Completed
2.	Spiritual 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala -Deoghar	44.76	42.17	42.17	Completed
3.	Buddhist 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit-Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	95.18	95.18	95.18	Completed
4.	Rural 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia-Turkaulia	44.27	40.31	40.31	Completed
5.	Spiritual 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	44.55	42.32	42.32	Completed

(ii) Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in the State of Bihar:

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

S.N.	Year of Sanction	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Amount	Amount Authorized for utilization	Physical Status
1.	2024-25	Bodh Gaya	Development of the Buddhist Meditation & Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya	165.44	16.54	Implementation Stage

(iii) Details of Project sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme in the State of Bihar:

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

S.N.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Category	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Authorized for utilization	Physical Status
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1.	2024-25	Development of Sonepur Fair Site	Saran Dist. (Sonepur Fair) (Culture & Heritage)	24.29	2.43	Implementation Stage
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(iv) Details of Project sanctioned under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme in the State of Bihar:

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

S.N.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Sanction Amount	Amount Released/ Authorized	Amount Utilized	Physical Status
1.	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62	29.62	29.62	Completed
2.	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	2014-15	3.63	3.63	3.63	Completed
3.	Development of Ambika Bhawani Temple, Saran	2024-25	13.29	--	--	Implementation Stage
