

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1996
ANSWERED ON 28.11.2016**

PROMOTION OF VILLAGE TOURISM

†1996. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to make Model villages in order to promote village tourism; and**
- (b) if so, the details of the villages identified in this regard, State-wise including Rajasthan?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Tourism has launched Swadesh Darshan Scheme in 2014-15 for Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits in the country. Rural Circuit is one of the thirteen thematic circuits identified for development under the scheme.

Development and promotion of tourism infrastructure is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UTs. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance for projects which are identified in consultations with the State Governments/UTs. The projects are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier. No project has been sanctioned under the Rural Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme till date.
