

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3136  
ANSWERED ON 05.12.2016**

**MEGA DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

**3136. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is working on 'Mega Destination Development Scheme' for consolidation of tourists resources in the country;**
- (b) if so, the names of the tourist places in the country included for development under the scheme;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop renowned tourist sites under the scheme;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

**(a) to (e): Identification and development of tourist destinations is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/UT Administration. The Ministry of Tourism on its part has launched the National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) Scheme for developing religious destination/sites.**

**The 23 destinations identified under the scheme include Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh), Amritsar (Punjab), Ajmer (Rajasthan), Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh), Dwarka (Gujarat), Deoghar (Jharkhand), Belur (West Bengal), Gaya (Bihar), Guruvayoor (Kerala), Hazratbal (Jammu & Kashmir), Kamakhya (Assam), Kanchipuram (Tamil Nadu), Kedarnath (Uttarakhand), Mathura (Uttar Pradesh), Patna**

**(Bihar), Puri (Odisha), Srisailam (Andhra Pradesh), Somnath (Gujarat), Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Trimbakeshwar (Maharashtra), Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh), Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) and Vellankani (Tamil Nadu).**

**Ministry of Tourism has also launched the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, under which 13 theme based circuits have been identified for development, spanning the entire country, which include the North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit.**

**The details of projects sanctioned to States/UTs under the PRASAD and Swadesh Darshan Schemes is given at Annexure.**

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3136 ANSWERED ON 05.12.2016 REGARDING MEGA DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.**

**2014-15**

**Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

**(Rs. in Crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Name of the Circuit</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amt. Released</b>
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East India Circuit	Development of Mega Circuit at Bhalukpong-Bomdila and Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.	49.77	10.00
2.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit	Construction of Cultural Centre adjacent to Maya Sarovar on the western side at Bodhgaya, Bihar	33.17	6.63
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit	Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World Class Coastal & Eco Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh	69.83	34.92
			<b>Total</b>	<b>152.77</b>	<b>51.55</b>

**PRASAD SCHEME**

**(Rs. in Crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amt. Released</b>
	<b>BIHAR</b>		
1.	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	4.29	2.14
	<b>UTTAR PRADESH</b>		
2.	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	14.93	2.99
3.	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura	9.36	1.76
	<b>ODISHA</b>		
4.	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree JagannathDham- Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	50.00	10.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>78.58</b>	<b>16.89</b>

**2015-16****Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Rs. in Crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Name of the Circuit</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amt. Released</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>North-East India Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Moirang-Khongjom-Moreh.</b>	<b>89.66</b>	<b>44.83</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>North-East India Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Tourist Circuit linking Rangpo (entry) – Rorathang-Aritar-Phadamchen-Nathang-Sherathang-Tsongmo- Gangtok-Phodong-Mangan-Lachung-Yumthang-Lachen-Thangu-Gurudongmer-Mangan- Gangtok-Tumin Lingee-Singtam (exit) in Sikkim.</b>	<b>98.05</b>	<b>49.02</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>Eco Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake &amp; Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri, Uttarakhand.</b>	<b>80.37</b>	<b>40.19</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>Desert Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other</b>	<b>63.96</b>	<b>12.79</b>

			<b>Destinations in Rajasthan under Desert Circuit.</b>		
<b>5.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Tribal Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Tribal Circuit Peren-Kohima-Wokha, Nagaland</b>	<b>97.36</b>	<b>48.68</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>Wildlife Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna-Mukundpur-Sanjay-Dubri-Bandhavgarh-Kanha-Mukki-Pench in Madhya Pradesh.</b>	<b>92.22</b>	<b>18.44</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>Coastal Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Andhra Pradesh.</b>	<b>60.38</b>	<b>12.08</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>Eco Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district, Telangana.</b>	<b>91.62</b>	<b>18.32</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Eco Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Pathanamthitta – Gavi – Vagamon – Thekkady as Eco Tourism Circuit in Idduki and Parhanamthitta Districts in Kerala.</b>	<b>99.22</b>	<b>19.84</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>North-East India Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of New Eco Tourism under Swadesh Darshan – North East Circuit at Thenzawl &amp; South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek, Mizoram.</b>	<b>94.91</b>	<b>47.45</b>

<b>11.</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>Wildlife Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Manas – Probitora – Nameri – Kaziranga – Dibru – Saikhowa as Wildlife Circuit in Assam.</b>	<b>95.67</b>	<b>19.13</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Puducherry</b>	<b>Coastal Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Union Territory of Puducherry as Tourist Circuit under “Swadesh Darshan” Scheme (Coastal Circuit)</b>	<b>85.28</b>	<b>17.06</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>North-East India Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of New Adventure Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>97.14</b>	<b>19.43</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>North-East India Circuit</b>	<b>Development of North East Circuit : Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur - Tirthamukh - Mandirghat - Dumboor- NarikelKunja - Gandachara - Ambassa in Tripura</b>	<b>99.59</b>	<b>19.92</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>Coastal Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Beach Circuit – Udaipur - Digha – Shankarpur – Tajpur – Mandarmani – Fraserganj – Bakkhlai -Henry Island in West Bengal</b>	<b>85.39</b>	<b>17.08</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>Tribal Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Tribal Tourism Circuit in Jashpur-Kunkuri-Mainpat-</b>	<b>99.94</b>	<b>19.99</b>

			<b>Ambikapur- Maheshpur - Ratanpur-Kurdar- Sarodadadar Gangrel- Kondagaon - Nathyanawagaon - Jagdalpur Chitrakoot - Tirthgarh in Chhattisgarh.</b>		
<b>17.</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>Coastal Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Sindhurg Coastal Circuit in Maharashtra under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.</b>	<b>82.17</b>	<b>12.79</b>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1512.93</b>	<b>437.04</b>

**PRASAD SCHEME**

**(Rs. in Crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amt. Released</b>
	<b>RAJASTHAN</b>		
<b>1.</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer</b>	<b>40.44</b>	<b>8.09</b>
	<b>PUNJAB</b>		
<b>2.</b>	<b>Development of KarunaSagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar</b>	<b>6.45</b>	<b>3.23</b>
	<b>ASSAM</b>		
<b>3.</b>	<b>Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destinations in and around Guwahati</b>	<b>33.98</b>	<b>6.80</b>
	<b>ANDHRA PRADESH</b>		
<b>4.</b>	<b>Development of Amaravati town in Guntur district as a tourist destination</b>	<b>28.36</b>	<b>14.18</b>
	<b>BIHAR</b>		
<b>5.</b>	<b>Development of Patna Sahib</b>	<b>41.54</b>	<b>20.77</b>
	<b>UTTAR PRADESH</b>		
<b>6.</b>	<b>Development of Varanasi</b>	<b>20.40</b>	<b>4.08</b>
	<b>UTTARAKHAND</b>		
<b>7.</b>	<b>Development of Kedarnath</b>	<b>34.78</b>	<b>17.39</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>205.95</b>	<b>74.54</b>

**2016-17****Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Rs. in Crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Name of the Circuit</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amt. Released</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>Coastal Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Coastal Circuit (Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail) in Goa.</b>	<b>99.99</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>Himalayan Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Tourism Infrastructure Projects in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.</b>	<b>82.97</b>	<b>16.59</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>Tribal Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Mulugu Laknavaram-Medavaram-Tadvai- Damaravi – Mallur – Bogatha Waterfalls as Tribal Circuit in Telangana.</b>	<b>84.40</b>	<b>16.88</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>North-East India Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort, Meghalaya.</b>	<b>99.13</b>	<b>19.83</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>Buddhist Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar in Madhya Pradesh.</b>	<b>74.94</b>	<b>14.99</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Spiritual</b>	<b>Development of</b>	<b>99.99</b>	<b>20.00</b>



		<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.</b>		
<b>7.</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>Coastal Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Coastal Circuit in Dakshin Kannada Dist, Uttar Kannada Dist &amp; Udupi Dist in Karnataka.</b>	<b>95.67</b>	<b>19.13</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Spiritual Circuit – Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple, Manipur.</b>	<b>53.80</b>	<b>10.76</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>Heritage Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Heritage Circuit in Ahmedabad-Rajkot-Porbandar – Bardoli-Dandi in Gujarat.</b>	<b>93.48</b>	<b>18.70</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Haryana</b>	<b>Krishna Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra, Haryana.</b>	<b>97.35</b>	<b>19.47</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>Krishna Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and</b>	<b>91.45</b>	<b>18.29</b>

			<b>Nathdwara (Rajsamand) in Rajasthan.</b>		
<b>12.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>North-East India circuit</b>	<b>Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam – Maka-Temi-Bermoik Tokel-Phongia-Namchi – Jorthang-Okharey-Sombaria-Daramdin-Jorethang-Melli (Exit) in Sikkim.</b>	<b>95.32</b>	<b>19.06</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>Heritage Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Heritage Circuit (Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu) Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>99.77</b>	<b>19.95</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamura-Sabrimala-as a Spiritual Circuit in Kerala</b>	<b>92.44</b>	<b>18.49</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Spiritual circuit</b>	<b>Development of Jain Circuit: Vaishali-Arrah-Masad-Patna-Rajgir-Pawapuri-Champapuri as Spiritual Circuit in Bihar.</b>	<b>52.39</b>	<b>10.48</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Spiritual circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route as Spiritual circuit in Bihar.</b>	<b>52.35</b>	<b>10.47</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Odisha</b>	<b>Coastal circuit</b>	<b>Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and</b>	<b>76.49</b>	<b>15.30</b>

			<b>Tampara as Coastal circuit in Odisha.</b>		
<b>18.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Tribal circuit</b>	<b>Development of Tribal circuit (Mokokchung-Tuensang-Mon) in Nagaland</b>	<b>99.67</b>	<b>19.93</b>
<b>19.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>Heritage circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region – Katarmal – Jogeshwar-Bajjnath-Devidhura in Uttarakhand.</b>	<b>81.94</b>	<b>16.39</b>
<b>20.</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>Himalayan Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama under Himalayan Circuit theme in J&amp;K.</b>	<b>96.38</b>	<b>19.28</b>
<b>21.</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>Himalayan Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities under the Construction of Assets in lieu of those Destroyed in Floods in 2014 under PM Development Package for J&amp;K</b>	<b>98.70</b>	<b>19.74</b>
<b>22.</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>Himalayan Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai-Sudhmahadev-Patnitop under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&amp;K.</b>	<b>97.82</b>	<b>19.56</b>
<b>23.</b>	<b>Jammu &amp;</b>	<b>Himalayan</b>	<b>Integrated</b>	<b>96.39</b>	<b>19.28</b>

	<b>Kashmir</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Tourist Facilities at Anantnag-Kishtwar-Pahalgam – Daksum – Ranjit Sagar Dam under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&amp;K.</b>		
<b>24.</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>Himalayan Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla-Kupwara-Leh Circuit under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&amp;K.</b>	<b>96.93</b>	<b>19.38</b>
<b>25.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>Buddhist Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Buddhist Circuit – Srawasti, Kushinagar, &amp; Kapilvastu in Uttar Pradesh.</b>	<b>99.97</b>	<b>19.99</b>
<b>26.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>Ramayana Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur as Ramayana Circuit in Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>69.45</b>	<b>13.89</b>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>2279.18</b>	<b>455.83</b>

**PRASAD SCHEME**

**(Rs. in Crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amt. Released</b>
	<b>GUJARAT</b>		
<b>1.</b>	<b>Infrastructure development in Dwarka</b>	<b>26.23</b>	<b>5.25</b>
	<b>TAMIL NADU</b>		
<b>2.</b>	<b>Development of Kanchipuram</b>	<b>16.48</b>	<b>3.30</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Development of Velankanni</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>1.12</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>48.31</b>	<b>9.67</b>

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