

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4272  
ANSWERED ON 12.12.2016**

**LAUNCH OF BUDDHIST CIRCUIT**

**4272. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:**

**SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:**

**SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:**

**SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:**

**SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:**

**SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any plan for development of Buddhist circuits and heritage tourist places and cities related to Lord Buddha under Swadesh Darshan Yojana;**
- (b) if so, the State-wise details of the Buddhist sites and the steps taken by the Government for the development and promotion of these sites along with the funds/grant allocated by the Government in this regard during the last three years, State-wise;**
- (c) whether Buddhist circuit development project is under consideration of the Government and the criteria for selecting tourist centres and sites;**
- (d) whether famous Buddhist sites like Sanchi Stupa, Sanchi Nagri and places in district Kaushambi of Uttar Pradesh have been included in the Buddhist circuit and 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): Buddhist Circuit has been identified as one of the thirteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.**

**The State-wise details of projects sanctioned under the Buddhist Circuit Theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme since its launch in 2014-15 are as under:**

**(Rs. in crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Name of the Project/Year of sanction</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Construction of Cultural Centre adjacent to Maya Sarovar on the western side at Bodhgaya in Bihar (2014-15).</b>	<b>33.17</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar in Madhya Pradesh (2016-17).</b>	<b>74.94</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>Development of Buddhist Circuit – Sravasti, Kushinagar &amp; Kapilvastu in Uttar Pradesh (2016-17).</b>	<b>99.97</b>

**All places associated with the Buddhist heritage in the country are covered under Buddhist Circuit Theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.**

**The projects under the scheme are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.**

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