

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†828  
ANSWERED ON 21.11.2016**

**RAMAYANA TOURIST CIRCUIT**

**†828. SHRI GANESH SINGH:  
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to build Ramayana Circuit in order to encourage tourism;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated by the Government in this regard during the last two years;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to include Chitrakoot and Satna districts of Madhya Pradesh in Ramayana Circuit;**
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any plan to develop 84 Kosi Parikarma of Rampath Gaman; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

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

**The destinations initially identified for development under Ramayana Circuit include: Ayodhya, Nandigram, Shringverpur & Chitrakoot (Uttar Pradesh), Sitamarhi, Buxar & Darbhanga (Bihar), Chitrakoot (Madhya Pradesh), Mahendragiri (Odisha), Jagdalpur (Chattisgarh), Nashik & Nagpur (Maharashtra), Bhadrachalam (Telangana), Hampi (Karnataka) and Rameshwaram (Tamil Nadu).**

**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.**

**The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the project 'Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur under Ramayana Circuit in Uttar Pradesh' in 2016-17 with Central Financial Assistance of Rs.69.45 crores.**

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