

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.†*59
ANSWERED ON 06.02.2017**

LINKING OF RELIGIOUS AND HISTORICAL PLACES

**†*59. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to connect all major and small places of religious, cultural and historical importance with various tourist circuits;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the places which have been connected/are proposed to be connected under the scheme, State/UT-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has consulted the concerned Central Ministries and other stakeholders in this regard; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA
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(a): For integrated development of theme-based tourist circuits in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has launched Swadesh Darshan Scheme in 2014-15. Under this scheme thirteen thematic circuits have been identified for development namely; 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.

(b): The details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme since its launch is annexed.

(c) to (d): Before sanctioning any project under the scheme, an inter-ministerial consultation (Mission Directorate Meeting) is held along with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to discuss the merits and feasibility of the projects.

Further, as per the scheme guidelines a National Steering Committee (NSC) has been constituted to steer the Mission objectives and vision of the scheme. The NSC is chaired by the Hon'ble Minister for Tourism and has concerned Secretaries from 14 Ministries of the Government of India as members. The NSC enunciates the vision and chalk out the road map for the scheme, oversee all operation, steer, review and monitor overall performance of the scheme and reviews the proposed/ongoing projects periodically.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.†*59 ANSWERED ON 06.02.2017 REGARDING LINKING OF RELIGIOUS AND HISTORICAL PLACES****THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SINCE ITS LAUNCH****(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State/UT	Name of the Circuit	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amount released
Year 2014-15					
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
Total of 2014-15				152.77	51.55
Year 2015-16					
4.	Manipur	North-East India Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Moirang-Khongjom-Moreh.	89.66	44.83
5.	Sikkim	North-East	Development of	98.05	49.02

		India Circuit	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.		
6.	Uttarakhand	Eco Circuit	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri, Uttarakhand.	80.37	40.19
7.	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations in Rajasthan under Desert Circuit.	63.96	12.79
8.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima-Wokha, Nagaland	97.36	48.68

9.	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna-Mukundpur-Sanjay-Dubri-Bandhavgarh-Kanha-Mukki-Pench in Madhya Pradesh.	92.22	18.44
10.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Andhra Pradesh.	60.38	12.08
11.	Telangana	Eco Circuit	Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district, Telangana.	91.62	18.32
12.	Kerala	Eco Circuit	Development of Pathanamthitta – Gavi – Vagamon – Thekkady as Eco Tourism Circuit in Idduki and Parhanamthitta Districts in Kerala.	99.22	19.84
13.	Mizoram	North-East India Circuit	Integrated Development of New Eco Tourism under Swadesh Darshan – North East Circuit at Thenzawl & South Zote,	94.91	47.45

			District Serchhip and Reiek, Mizoram.		
14.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit	Development of Manas – Probitora – Nameri – Kaziranga – Dibru – Saikhowa as Wildlife Circuit in Assam.	95.67	19.13
15.	Puducherry	Coastal Circuit	Development of Union Territory of Puducherry as Tourist Circuit under “Swadesh Darshan” Scheme (Coastal Circuit)	85.28	17.06
16.	Arunachal Pradesh	North - East India Circuit	Integrated Development of New Adventure Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh	97.14	19.43
17.	Tripura	North-East India Circuit	Development of North East Circuit : Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur - Tirthamukh - Mandirghat - Dumboor- NarikelKunja - Gandachara - Ambassa in Tripura	99.59	19.92
18.	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit	Development of Beach Circuit – Udaipur - Digha – Shankarpur – Tajpur	85.39	17.08

			Mandarmani – Fraserganj – Bakkhilai -Henry Island in West Bengal		
19.	Chhattisgarh	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal Tourism Circuit in Jashpur-Kunkuri- Mainpat- Ambikapur- Maheshpur - Ratanpur-Kurdar- Sarodadadar Gangrel- Kondagaon – Nathyanawagaon -Jagdalpur Chitrakoot - Tirthgarh in Chhattisgarh.	99.94	19.99
20.	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit in Maharashtra under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	82.17	12.79
Total of 2015-16				1512.93	437.04
Year 2016-17					
21.	Goa	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail) in Goa.	99.99	20.00
22.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourism Infrastructure Projects in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.	82.97	16.59

23.	Telangana	Tribal Circuit	Integrated Development of Mulugu- Laknavaram- Medavaram- Tadvai- Damaravi –Mallur – Bogatha Waterfalls as Tribal Circuit in Telangana.	84.40	16.88
24.	Meghalaya	North - East India Circuit	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort, Meghalaya.	99.13	19.83
25.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar in Madhya Pradesh.	74.94	14.99
26.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.	99.99	20.00
27.	Karnataka	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit in Dakshin Kannada Dist, Uttar Kannada Dist & Udupi Dist in Karnataka.	95.67	19.13
28.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit – Shri Govindajee	53.80	10.76

			Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple, Manipur.		
29.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit in Ahmedabad- Rajkot- Porbandar – Bardoli-Dandi in Gujarat.	93.48	18.70
30.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra, Haryana.	97.35	19.47
31.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit	Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand) in Rajasthan.	91.45	18.29
32.	Sikkim	North - East India circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam – Maka-Temi- Bermoik Tokel- Phongia-Namchi –Jorthang- Okharey- Sombaria- Daramdin- Jorethang-Melli (Exit) in Sikkim.	95.32	19.06

33.	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit (Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu) Madhya Pradesh	99.77	19.95
34.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula-Sabrimala-as a Spiritual Circuit in Kerala	92.44	18.49
35.	Bihar	Spiritual circuit	Development of Jain Circuit: Vaishali-Arrah-Masad-Patna-Rajgir-Pawapuri-Champapuri as Spiritual Circuit in Bihar.	52.39	10.48
36.	Bihar	Spiritual circuit	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala-Deoghar under Spiritual circuit in Bihar.	52.35	10.47
37.	Odisha	Coastal circuit	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara as Coastal circuit in Odisha.	76.49	15.30
38.	Nagaland	Tribal circuit	Development of Tribal circuit (Mokokchung–Tuensang-Mon) in Nagaland	99.67	19.93

39.	Uttarakhand	Heritage circuit	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region – Katarmal – Jogeshwar-Bairnath-Devidhura in Uttarakhand.	81.94	16.39
40.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama under Himalayan Circuit theme in J&K.	96.38	19.28
41.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	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&K	98.70	19.74
42.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai-Sudhmahadev-Patnitop under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.	97.82	19.56
43.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Anantnag-	96.39	19.28

			Kishtwar-Pahalgam – Daksum – Ranjit Sagar Dam under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.		
44.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla-Kupwara-Leh Circuit under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.	96.93	19.38
45.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	“Development of Buddhist Circuit – Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilvastu in Uttar Pradesh.	99.97	19.99
46.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur as Ramayana Circuit in Uttar Pradesh	69.45	13.89
47.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Long Island-Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair) in Andaman & Nicobar under Coastal thematic circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	42.19	8.44

48.	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Chennai-Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari) in Tamil Nadu under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.92	19.998
49.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit (Shahjahanpur-Allahabad-Basti-Ahar-Aligarh-Kasgunj-Sarosi-Pratapgarh-Unnao-Kaushambi-Mirzapur-Gorakpur-Kairana-Doamriyagunj-Bagpat-Barabanki-Azamgarh)	76.00	15.20
50.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit – II(Bijnor- Meerut-Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda-Ghazipur-Salempur- Ghosi-Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh-Fatehpur- Deoria-Mahoba-Sonbhadra-Chandauli-Mishrikh-Bhadohi) in Uttar Pradesh under	62.96	4.00

			Swadesh Darshan Scheme		
51.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit (Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Marhar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mavahar Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut) in Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	41.51	3.00
Total of 2016-17				2601.76	506.46
TOTAL SINCE 2014-15 TILL DATE				4267.46	995.05
