

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2946
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2017**

CREATION OF NEW TOURISM CIRCUITS

**2946. DR. BHOLA SINGH:
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to create 50 tourism circuits including 13 Thematic Circuits to connect various destinations and to attract visitors across the country;**
- (b) if so, the details of proposed/finalised Tourism Circuits so far, State/UT-wise;**
- (c) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred during the last three years, year-wise;**
- (d) whether the State Governments have been asked to identify locations for new tourism circuits and forward the same to Union Government for approval; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a): The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan Scheme - Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits scheme in the country in 2014-15. Under the 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): Since the launch of the Scheme in 2014-15, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 51 projects with Central Financial Assistance of Rs.4267.46 crores. The details of the projects sanctioned under the scheme are annexed.

(c): The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred under Swadesh Darshan Scheme during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Sr. No.	Year	Budget allocated	Expenditure incurred
1	2014-15	20.00	20.00
2	2015-16	310.00	309.55
3	2016-17	972.40	774.40(*)

(*) As on 14.3.2017

(d) and (e): Under the Scheme, the projects for development are identified in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilization certificates, submission of suitable Detailed Project Report (DPR) and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2946 ANSWERED ON 20.03.2017 REGARDING CREATION OF NEW TOURISM CIRCUITS.****DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS.****(Rs. in crore)**

Sl. No.	State/UT	Name of the Circuit	Name of the Project	Amount 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 India Circuit	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.	98.05	49.02

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	41.92
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, District Serchhip and Reiek, Mizoram.	94.91	47.45
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 – Mandarmani – Fraserganj – Bakkhilai - Henry Island in West Bengal	85.39	17.08
19.	Chhattisgarh	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal Tourism Circuit in Jashpur-Kunkuri-Mainpat- Ambikapur-Maheshpur -Ratanpur-Kurdar-Sarodadadar Gangrel- Kondagaon – Nathyanawagaon -	99.94	19.99

			Jagdalpur Chitrakoot - Tirthgarh in Chhattisgarh.		
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	460.52
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	45.57
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 Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple, Manipur.	53.80	10.76
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	Development of Sree	92.44	18.49

		Circuit	Padmanabha Arnamula-Sabrimala-as a Spiritual Circuit in Kerala		
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-Bajjnath-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	98.70	19.74

			for J&K		
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-Kishtwar- Pahalgam – Daksum – Ranjit Sagar Dam under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.	96.39	19.28
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	99.92	19.998

			Kanyakumari) in Tamil Nadu under Swadesh Darshan Scheme		
49.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit (Shahjahanpur-Allahabad-Basti- Ahar- Aligharh-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 Swadesh Darshan Scheme	62.96	12.59
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	8.30
Total of 2016-17				2601.76	545.92
Grand Total				4267.46	1057.99
