

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5782
ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TOUR OPERATORS

5782. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken effective measures to enhance and develop tourism sector in the last five years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of total amount spent, infrastructure created, institutions established, training provided in last five years, State-wise; and**
- (c) whether the Government is providing any financial incentives and support for public/private tourist industries and tour operators in the country and if so, the details thereof and the details of the support and incentives provided during the last five years?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism has taken various effective measures to enhance and develop the tourism sector, which inter-alia, include the following:

- i) Launching the Swadesh Darshan Scheme for integrated development of theme based tourist circuits.**
- ii) Launching the National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) to beautify and improve amenities and infrastructure at pilgrimage sites.**
- iii) Promoting India as a holistic tourism destination in the domestic and international markets.**

- iv) Launching e-Visa for citizens of 161 countries and offering free Pre-Loaded SIM Cards for tourists on e-Visa;**
- v) Developing and promoting 'Niche Tourism' products;**
- vi) Generating sufficient manpower to meet the requirements of the tourism and hospitality industry;**
- vii) Launching 24x7 toll free Multi-Lingual Tourist Helpline; and**
- viii) Providing Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for fairs, festivals and tourism related events.**

Details of projects sanctioned during the last five years under Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits (PIDDC), Swadesh Darshan and National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) Schemes are given at Annexure.

In addition, Ministry of Tourism provided Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for an amount of Rs.526.48 Crore for infrastructure development in the hospitality sector. Seven State Institutes of Hotel Management and Four Food Craft Institutes became operational during this period. Under the Scheme of Capacity Building for Service Providers a total of 3,25,149 persons were trained.

Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to tourism service providers approved by the Ministry of Tourism, under the Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme for promotion of domestic tourism in the overseas market.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5782 ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017 REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TOUR OPERATORS.****Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits (PIDDC) Scheme including Rural Tourism Projects (Hardware Component)****2012-13****(Rs. in Lakh)**

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1	Andhra Pradesh	4	6278.73	2269.67
2	Arunachal Pradesh	15	6587.50	4478.05
3	Bihar	1	500.00	100.00
4	Delhi	1	2436.91	1335.63
5	Gujarat	1	486.75	389.40
6	Himachal Pradesh	11	3029.88	2433.89
7	Jammu and Kashmir	25	11260.00	4765.34
8	Jharkhand	2	4885.71	2142.35
9	Kerala	6	7826.53	3362.95
10	Maharashtra	5	7914.79	1602.96
11	Manipur	6	3545.62	1347.66
12	Meghalaya	1	50.00	40.00
13	Mizoram	1	45.70	36.56
14	Madhya Pradesh	16	20955.75	9642.05
15	Nagaland	11	4659.99	2001.95
16	Odisha	2	61.30	61.30
17	Sikkim	10	6930.77	2507.97
18	Tamil Nadu	1	317.31	253.84
19	Telangana	4	4193.34	3354.68
20	Uttar Pradesh	10	3436.15	1964.47
21	Uttarakhand	2	1297.47	1037.97
22	West Bengal	1	4668.46	2334.23
	Total	136	101368.66	47462.92

2013-14**(Rs. in Lakh)**

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1 (a)	Andhra Pradesh	11	4507.52	901.49
1 (b)	Combined Project of Andhra Pradesh and	1	4588.80	917.76

	Telangana			
2	Arunachal Pradesh	9	7423.64	1484.72
3	Bihar	10	10554.35	3017.58
4	Haryana	4	1412.25	282.45
5	Himachal Pradesh	1	3371.52	5.00
6	Jammu and Kashmir	28	8167.57	1903.28
7	Jharkhand	1	500.00	100.00
8	Kerala	9	3467.63	298.00
9	Karnataka	7	3203.71	640.74
10	Maharashtra	5	6770.18	1822.13
11	Manipur	7	12047.38	1816.95
12	Mizoram	8	4671.16	934.22
13	Madhya Pradesh	7	9963.29	2091.16
14	Nagaland	8	5187.01	1037.40
15	Odisha	9	6493.08	1182.26
16	Puducherry	1	4848.16	970.00
17	Punjab	1	453.86	90.77
18	Rajasthan	10	5174.71	1034.85
19	Sikkim	10	10400.00	2080.00
20	Telangana	8	3370.07	673.99
21	Uttar Pradesh	22	12064.82	1580.63
22	Uttarakhand	29	21772.67	6213.11
	Total	206	150413.38	31078.49

2014-15

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1	Andhra Pradesh	6	1702.48	340.47
2	Arunachal Pradesh	7	3631.08	911.08
3	Assam	4	3588.45	275.46
4	Bihar	2	637.06	257.42
5	Chhattisgarh	2	940.13	188.02
6	Jammu and Kashmir	3	426.55	351.30
7	Karnataka	1	5000.00	1000.00
8	Manipur	7	14947.97	1950.89
9	Mizoram	1	4829.69	241.48
10	Madhya Pradesh	4	3657.54	488.48
11	Nagaland	10	6074.30	1310.14
12	Odisha	2	1488.34	297.67
13	Punjab	1	4796.98	815.48
14	Sikkim	10	5337.55	1177.55
15	Telangana	1	454.36	90.87

16	Uttar Pradesh	1	483.63	30.00
	Total	62	57996.11	9726.31

Swadesh Darshan Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Name of the Circuit	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned
2014-15				
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East India Circuit	Development of Mega Circuit at Bhalukpong-Bomdila and Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.	49.77
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit	Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World Class Coastal & Eco Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh	69.83
Total				119.60
2015-16				
3.	Manipur	North-East India Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Moirang- Khongjom-Moreh.	89.66
4.	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
5.	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
6.	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations in Rajasthan under Desert Circuit.	63.96

7.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren-Kohima-Wokha, Nagaland	97.36
8.	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna-Mukundpur-Sanjay-Dubri-Bandhavgarh-Kanha-Mukki-Pench in Madhya Pradesh.	92.22
9.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Andhra Pradesh.	60.38
10.	Telangana	Eco Circuit	Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district, Telangana.	91.62
11.	Kerala	Eco Circuit	Development of Pathanamthitta – Gavi – Vagamon – Thekkady as Eco Tourism Circuit in Idduki and Parhanamthitta Districts in Kerala.	99.22
12.	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
13.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit	Development of Manas – Probitora – Nameri – Kaziranga – Dibru – Saikhowa as Wildlife Circuit in Assam.	95.67
14.	Puducherry	Coastal Circuit	Development of Union Territory of Puducherry as Tourist Circuit under “Swadesh Darshan” Scheme (Coastal Circuit)	85.28
15.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East India Circuit	Integrated Development of New Adventure Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh	97.14
16.	Tripura	North-East	Development of North East	99.59

		India Circuit	Circuit : Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur - Tirthamukh - Mandirghat - Dumboor- NarikelKunja - Gandachara - Ambassa in Tripura	
17.	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit	Development of Beach Circuit – Udaipur - Digha – Shankarpur – Tajpur – Mandarmani – Fraserganj – Bakhlai -Henry Island in West Bengal	85.39
18.	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.	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit in Maharashtra under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	82.17
Total				1512.93
2016-17				
20.	Goa	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail) in Goa.	99.99
21.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourism Infrastructure Projects in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.	82.97
22.	Telangana	Tribal Circuit	Integrated Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram-Medavaram-Tadvai-Damaravi –Mallur – Bogatha Waterfalls as Tribal Circuit in Telangana.	84.40

23.	Meghalaya	North-East India Circuit	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort, Meghalaya.	99.13
24.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar in Madhya Pradesh.	74.94
25.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.	99.99
26.	Karnataka	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit in Dakshin Kannada Dist, Uttar Kannada Dist & Udupi Dist in Karnataka.	95.67
27.	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
28.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit in Ahmedabad-Rajkot-Porbandar –Bardoli-Dandi in Gujarat.	93.48
29.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra, Haryana.	97.35
30.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit	Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand) in Rajasthan.	91.45
31.	Sikkim	North-East India Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam – Maka-Temi-Bermoik Tokel-Phongia-Namchi –Jorthang-Okharey-Sombaria-	95.32

			Daramdin-Jorethang-Melli (Exit) in Sikkim.	
32.	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit (Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu) Madhya Pradesh	99.77
33.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula-Sabrimala-as a Spiritual Circuit in Kerala	92.44
34.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Jain Circuit: Vaishali-Arrah-Masad-Patna-Rajgir-Pawapuri-Champapuri as Spiritual Circuit in Bihar.	52.39
35.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar under Spiritual circuit in Bihar.	52.35
36.	Odisha	Coastal Circuit	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara as Coastal circuit in Odisha.	76.49
37.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal circuit (Mokokchung-Tuensang-Mon) in Nagaland	99.67
38.	Uttarakhand	Heritage Circuit	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region – Katarmal – Jogeshwar-Baijnath-Devidhura in Uttarakhand.	81.94
39.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama under Himalayan Circuit theme in J&K.	96.38
40.	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	98.70

			Development Package for J&K	
41.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai- Sudhmahadev-Patnitop under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.	97.82
42.	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
43.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla-Kupwara-Leh Circuit under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.	96.93
44.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	“Development of Buddhist Circuit – Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilvastu in Uttar Pradesh.	99.97
45.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur as Ramayana Circuit in Uttar Pradesh	69.45
46.	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
47.	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Chennai-Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari) in Tamil Nadu under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.92
48.	Uttar	Spiritual	Development of Spiritual	76.00

	Pradesh	Circuit	Circuit (Shahjahanpur-Allahabad-Basti- Ahar-Aligharh-Kasgunj-Sarosi-Pratapgarh-Unnao-Kaushambi- Mirzapur-Gorakpur- Kairana-Doamriyagunj- Bagpat-Barabanki- Azamgarh)	
49.	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
50.	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
51.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit	Construction of Cultural Centre adjacent to Maya Sarovar on the western side at Bodhgaya, Bihar	98.73
52.	Assam	Heritage Circuit	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar as Heritage Circuit in Assam under Swadesh Darshan scheme	98.35
53.	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Himalayan Circuit in Himachal Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan scheme	99.76
54.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl -	99.07

			Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Durtlang – Chatlang- Sakawrhमितुaitlang – Muthee – Beratlawng – Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang” under Eco circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	
55.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit– Churu (Salasar Balaji)– Jaipur (Shri Samode Balaji, Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)- Alwar (Pandupole Hanumanji, Bharathari)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) – Mehandipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji) in Rajasthan under Swadesh Darshan scheme	93.90
56.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage circuit: Vadnagar- Modhera and Patan in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.81
Total				3191.38

PRASAD Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned
	2014-15	
	BIHAR	
1.	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	4.27
	UTTAR PRADESH	
2.	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	14.93
3.	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura	9.36
	ODISHA	
4.	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath	50.00

	Dham- Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	
	Total	78.56
	2015-16	
	RAJASTHAN	
5.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	40.44
	PUNJAB	
6.	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	6.45
	ASSAM	
7.	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	33.98
	ANDHRA PRADESH	
8.	Development of Amaravati Town in Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	28.36
	BIHAR	
9.	Development of Patna Sahib	41.54
	UTTAR PRADESH	
10.	Development of Varanasi	20.40
	UTTARAKHAND	
11.	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	34.78
	Total	205.95
	2016-17	
	GUJARAT	
12.	Development of Dwarka	26.23
13.	Pilgrimage amenities at Somnath	37.44
	KERALA	
14.	Development at Guruvayur Temple	46.14
	TAMIL NADU	
15.	Development of Kanchipuram	16.48
16.	Development of Vellankani	5.60
	WEST BENGAL	
17.	Development at Belur	30.03
	JAMMU & KASHMIR	
18.	Development at Hazratbal	42.02
	Total	203.94
