

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1192  
ANSWERED ON 24.07.2017**

**RAMAYANA AND KRISHNA CIRCUITS**

**1192. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to make Ramayana and Krishna circuits in different locations in the country in order to attract more foreign tourists as well as domestic tourists;**
- (b) if so, the details of these States;**
- (c) whether the Government has allocated financial package for developing Ramayana and Krishna circuits in the country;**
- (d) if so, the details of the financial package; and**
- (e) whether any time limit has been set for completion of these circuits and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) and (b): Ramayana Circuit and Krishna Circuit are among the thirteen thematic circuits identified for development under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.**

**Ministry has initially identified fifteen destinations for development under the Ramayana Circuit theme namely 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).**

Similarly, twelve destinations have been identified for development under Krishna circuit namely Dwarka (Gujarat), Nathdwara, Jaipur & Sikar (Rajasthan), Kurukshetra (Haryana), Mathura, Vrindavan, Gokul, Barsana, Nandgaon & Govardhan (Uttar Pradesh) and Puri (Odisha).

(c) to (e): The following projects have been sanctioned under Ramayana and Krishna Circuits of Swadesh Darshan Scheme:

(Rs. in crore)		
Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned
<b>Ramayana Circuit</b>		
1.	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur as Ramayana Circuit in Uttar Pradesh (2016-17)	69.45
<b>Krishna Circuit</b>		
2.	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra, Haryana. (2016-17)	97.35
3.	Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand) in Rajasthan. (2016-17)	91.45

The completion time for the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme varies from 18 to 36 months.

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