

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.243
ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017**

DEVELOPMENT OF BUDDHIST CIRCUIT

243. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether proposals have been received by the Government from various States including Gujarat under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme for development of International Buddhist Circuit covering the various places in those States;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the proposals;**
- (c) whether any such project is being considered as a special project under Swadesh Darshan Scheme and its planning and implementation is being supplemented by accessing funds from various international Multilateral Agencies and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the Government has identified an international funding agency for financing the project and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

(a) to (d): Buddhist Circuit has been identified as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

The State-wise details of projects sanctioned under the above Circuit since the launch of the scheme in 2014-15 are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project/Year of sanction	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar in	74.94

		Madhya Pradesh. (2016-17)	
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Buddhist Circuit – Sravasti, Kushinagar & Kapilvastu in Uttar Pradesh. (2016-17)	99.97
3.	Bihar	Construction of Convention Centre adjacent to Maya Sarovar on the western side at Bodhgaya, Bihar. (2016-17)	98.73
4.	Gujarat	Development of Buddhist circuit: Junagadh- Gir-Somnath- Bharuch- Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana in Gujarat. (2017-18)	35.99
5.	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam-Thotlakonda- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda- Amravati- Anupu in Andhra Pradesh. (2017-18)	52.34

The State Government of Gujarat has submitted a concept proposal for ‘Development of International Buddhist Circuit: Dev ni Mori, Gujarat’ under Buddhist Circuit Theme. The State Government has proposed that part of the project may be funded by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India under Swadesh Darshan Scheme and for remaining they will raise resources through PPP Mode and international/multilateral agencies. However, no proposal has been submitted by State Government to the Ministry for seeking assistance from international funding agencies.

Swadesh Darshan Scheme is a 100% centrally funded Scheme (Central Sector Scheme) of Ministry of Tourism and the projects under the scheme are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.
