

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†433  
ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017**

**DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN NALANDA**

**†433. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned funds for integrated development of Ghoda-Katora-Rajgir-Jal Mandu-Pawapuri located in Nalanda;**
- (b) if so, the amount released to the State Government during the last five years;**
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to provide any other form of assistance for the development of Ghoda-Katora so as to develop this famous tourist site and attract more and more tourists; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Tourism in the year 2013-14 has sanctioned an amount of Rs.4841 lakh for Integrated Development of Ghora Katora (Rajgir-Jalmandir-Pawapuri) as Mega Circuit in Bihar. An amount of Rs.968.35 lakh has been released to the State Government of Bihar for the project.**

**(c) and (d): Development and promotion of Tourism Destinations is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments/UT Administrations for various tourism projects subject to submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilization certificates against the funds released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines.**

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