

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3797
ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018**

PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS TOURISM

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing/proposes to implement any scheme to promote religious tourism in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to promote religious tourism in Ujjain and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to interlink/connect various religious places in the country with each other and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Tourism, promotes India in a holistic manner and as part of its ongoing activities, annually releases global print, electronic and online media campaigns in important and potential markets overseas, under the 'Incredible India' brand-line, to promote various tourism destinations and products of the country, including religious tourism. Promotions are also undertaken through the website and Social Media accounts of the Ministry. Besides, the Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of PRASHAD - National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive, is also developing infrastructural facilities at religious places in the country. Under the PRASHAD Scheme, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs 40.67 crore for the "Development of Omkareshwar" in Madhya Pradesh in 2017-18.

(c): For the development of tourism infrastructure in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan – Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuits Scheme. Spiritual Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Krishna Circuit are part of the 15 thematic Circuits identified for development in the country. The details of the projects sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Spiritual Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Krishna Circuit are given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3797 ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018 REGARDING PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS TOURISM.****THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED FOR DEVELOPMENT UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME AS SPIRITUAL CIRCUIT, RAMAYANA CIRCUIT, KRISHNA CIRCUIT AND BUDDHIST CIRCUIT DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS****A. SPIRITUAL CIRCUIT****(Rs. in crore)**

Sl. No.	Name of State	Name of Circuit & Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.	99.99	20.00
2.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Spiritual Circuit - Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple - Shri Gopinath Temple - Shri Bungshibodon Temple - Shri Kaina Temple, Manipur.	53.80	24.24
3.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula-Sabrimala as a Spiritual Circuit in Kerala	92.44	18.49
4.	Bihar	Spiritual circuit (2016-17)	Development of Jain Circuit: Vaishali-Arrah-Masad-Patna-Rajgir-Pawapuri-Champapuri as Spiritual Circuit in	52.39	24.06

			Bihar.		
5.	Bihar	Spiritual circuit (2016-17)	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala-Deoghar under Spiritual circuit in Bihar.	52.35	24.05
6.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Spiritual Circuit (Shahjahanpur-Allahabad-Basti-Ahar-Aligarh-Kasgunj-Sarosi-Pratapgarh-Unnao-Kaushambi-Mirzapur-Gorakpur-Kairana-Doamriyagunj-Bagpat-Barabanki-Azamgarh)	76.00	15.20
7.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)	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
8.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Spiritual Circuit– Churu (Salasar Balaji)– Jaipur (Shri Samode Balaji, Ghatke Balaji,	93.90	18.78

			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		
9.	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Spiritual Circuit in Puducherry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	40.68	8.14
10	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit (2017-18)	Dvelopment of Mandar Development Hill & Ang Pradesh under Spiritual Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	53.49	10.70
Total				678.00	176.25

B. BUDDHIST CIRCUIT

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of State	Name of Circuit & Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar in Madhya Pradesh.	74.94	14.99
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit (2016-17)	“Development of Buddhist Circuit – Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilvastu in Uttar	99.97	19.99

			Pradesh.		
3.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit (2016-17)	Construction of Cultural Centre adjacent to Maya Sarovar on the western side at Bodhgaya, Bihar	98.73	19.75
4.	Gujarat	Buddhist circuit (2017-18)	Development of Buddhist circuit: Junagadh- Gir-Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan scheme	35.99	7.20
5.	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Thotlakonda- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda- Amravati- Anupu in Andhra Pradesh under the theme of Buddhist Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	52.34	10.47
Total				361.97	72.4

C. KRISHNA CIRCUIT

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of State	Name of Circuit & Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra, Haryana.	97.35	19.47
2.	Rajasthan	Krishna	Integrated	91.45	18.29

		Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand) in Rajasthan.		
			Total	188.8	37.76

D. RAMAYANA CIRCUIT

(Rs. in crore)

SL. No.	Name of State	Name of Circuit & Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur as Ramayana Circuit in Uttar Pradesh	69.45	13.89
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Ayodhya under Ramayana Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	133.31	23.53
Total				202.76	37.42
