

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3861  
ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018**

**DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL AND RURAL CIRCUITS UNDER SWADESH  
DARSHAN SCHEME**

**†3861. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:  
DR. UDIT RAJ:**

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

- (a) whether tourist circuits are being developed on priority basis under Swadesh Darshan and Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) Scheme;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for the development of tribal and rural circuits under the said scheme; and**
- (d) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred thereunder in this regard so far, State/UT-wise?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (b): Yes, Madam. The Ministry under its schemes of Swadesh Darshan- Integrated development of theme based tourist circuits and PRASHAD- National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive provides Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations/Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country.**

**Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, fifteen thematic circuits have been identified for development namely; North East Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit, Heritage Circuit, Sufi**

**Circuit and Tirthankar Circuit. Till date, the Ministry has sanctioned 67 projects under the above scheme for Rs.5638.87 crore.**

**Under PRASHAD Scheme 25 sites are identified for development namely Amaravati, Srisailam and Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Kamakhya (Assam), Patna and Gaya (Bihar), Dwarka and Somnath (Gujarat), Hazratbal and Katra (Jammu & Kashmir), Deogarh (Jharkhand), Guruvayoor (Kerala), Omkareshwar (Madhya Pradesh), Trimbakeshwar (Maharashtra), Puri (Odisha), Amritsar (Punjab), Ajmer (Rajasthan), Kanchipuram and Vellankani (Tamil Nadu), Varanasi, Ayodhya and Mathura (Uttar Pradesh), Badrinath and Kedarnath (Uttarakhand) and Belur (West Bengal). Till date, the Ministry has sanctioned 23 projects under the above scheme for Rs.687.92 crore.**

**(c) to (d): Rural and Tribal Circuits are among the fifteen circuits identified for development under Swadesh Darshan Scheme. The details of projects sanctioned under the rural and tribal circuits are annexed.**

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3861 ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL AND RURAL CIRCUITS UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.**

**THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER RURAL AND TRIBAL CIRCUIT THEME OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME**

**(Amt. in Rs. Crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of State</b>	<b>Name of Circuit &amp; Year</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amt. Released</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Rural Circuit (2017-18)</b>	<b>Development of Bhitiharwa - Chandrahia - Turkaulia in Bihar under Rural Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme</b>	<b>44.65</b>	<b>8.93</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Tribal Circuit (2015-16)</b>	<b>Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima- Wokha, Nagaland</b>	<b>97.36</b>	<b>72.05</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>Tribal Circuit (2015-16)</b>	<b>Development of Tribal Tourism Circuit in Jashpur-Kunkuri- Mainpat- Ambikapur- Maheshpur - Ratanpur- Kurdar- Sarodadadar Gangrel- Kondagaon- Nathyanawagaon -Jagdapur Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh in Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>99.94</b>	<b>45.01</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>Tribal Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of</b>	<b>84.40</b>	<b>38.37</b>

		<b>(2016-17)</b>	<b>Mulugu- Laknavaram- Medavaram- Tadvai- Damaravi- Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls as Tribal Circuit in Telangana</b>		
<b>5.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Tribal circuit (2016-17)</b>	<b>Development of Tribal circuit (Mokokchung- Tuensang-Mon) in Nagaland</b>	<b>99.67</b>	<b>49.83</b>

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