

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.398  
ANSWERED ON 05.02.2018**

**DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE IN BIHAR**

**398. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:**

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

- (a) the details of the funds sanctioned by the Government and amount utilised for development of tourism infrastructure in Bihar during the last three years, scheme-wise and year-wise;**
- (b) the total number of tourist sites for which development works have been done during the last three years in Bihar;**
- (c) the details of the number of foreign tourist arrivals in Bihar during the said period; and**
- (d) whether the Government has prepared any comprehensive roadmap to develop tourism infrastructure especially in States like Bihar having abundant tourism potential and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

**(a) & (b): The projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD (National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive) Schemes for infrastructure development of various tourism destinations in Bihar are given at ANNEXURE.**

**(c): The number of Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) to the state of Bihar in the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 were 829508, 923737 and 1010531. The number of FTVs to the State of Bihar in the year 2017 is not available yet.**

**(d): The Ministry of Tourism launched the Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD Schemes in the year 2014-15 with a vision to develop theme-based tourist circuits to enrich tourist experience and beautify and improve the amenities and infrastructure at identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations. The Ministry provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations for creation of tourism infrastructure on receipt of proposals for tourism projects subject to adherence of existing scheme guidelines, availability of funds and liquidation of utilisation certificates for funds released earlier.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.398 ANSWERED ON 05.02.2018 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE IN BIHAR.**

The projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism to the State of Bihar under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme are as below:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Thematic Circuit	Year of sanction	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned
1	Spiritual circuit	2016-17	Development of Jain Circuit: Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	52.39
2	Spiritual Circuit	2016-17	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	52.35
3	Buddhist Circuit	2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Cultural Centre at Bodhgaya	98.73
4	Rural Circuit	2017-18	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa - Chandrahia - Turkaulia	44.65
5	Spiritual Circuit	2017-18	Development of Mandar Development Hill & Ang Pradesh	53.49
			<b>Total</b>	<b>301.61</b>

The projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism to the State of Bihar under the PRASHAD Scheme are as below:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Year of sanction	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned
1	2014-15	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya	4.27
2	2015-16	Development at Patna Sahib	41.54
		<b>Total</b>	<b>45.81</b>

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