

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.†*278
ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018**

SPIRITUAL TOURISM CIRCUIT

†*278. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is likely to consider to include the Mithilanchal region in the Spiritual Tourism Circuit in view of the prevalence of several pilgrim places associated with Sita Mata in Bihar;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA
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REGARDING SPIRITUAL TOURISM CIRCUIT.**

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme has identified Spiritual Circuit as one of the fifteen thematic Circuits for development. All the religious/spiritual sites/regions in the country including the places associated with Sita Mata in Bihar are covered in the above Circuit.

In addition to above, Buddhist Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Ramayana Circuit, Sufi Circuit and Tirthankar Circuit are also among the identified thematic Circuits under the scheme. Under Ramayana Circuit, Ministry has initially identified fifteen destinations for development which includes Sitamarhi, Buxar and Darbhanga in Bihar.
