

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2016
ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018**

DEVELOPMENT OF KRISHNA CIRCUIT

†2016. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Krishna Circuit is being constructed to develop the mythological places related to the life of lord Krishna as tourists places under Swadesh darshan scheme and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the extent to which the work of Krishna circuit has been completed and the time by which the remaining work is likely to be completed;**
- (c) whether there is any proposal to develop theme based circuits including Budha circuit, Himalayan circuit, Tribal circuit, Spiritual Circuit and Heritage circuit; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Krishna Circuit is one of the fifteen identified circuits under Swadesh Darshan Scheme. The Ministry has initially identified 12 destinations for development under Krishna Circuit, namely, Dwarka (Gujarat); Nathdwara, Jaipur & Sikar (Rajasthan); Kurukshetra (Haryana), Mathura, Vrindavan, Gokul, Barsana, Nandgaon & Govardhan (Uttar Pradesh) and Puri (Odisha). The details of projects sanctioned for development of above mentioned sites are as follows:

(Rs. in Crore)

Sr. No.	Scheme/ Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	PRASHAD 2014-15	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II).	14.93
2.	PRASHAD 2014-15	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura.	9.36
3.	PRASHAD 2014-15	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham-Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit.	50.00
4.	PRASHAD 2016-17	Development of Dwarka.	26.23
5.	Swadesh Darshan 2016-17	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra, Haryana.	97.35
6.	Swadesh Darshan 2016-17	Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand) in Rajasthan.	91.45

The above projects are at various stages of implementation.

(c) and (d): Under the Swadesh Darshan scheme, Ministry has identified fifteen thematic circuits 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, Tirthankar Circuit & Sufi Circuit.
