

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.747
ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018**

INCLUSION OF BUDDHIST HERITAGE IN BUDDHIST CIRCUIT

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the rich Buddhist Heritage of Odisha;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to include Buddhist heritage in the Buddhist circuit of the country;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) whether the Government has identified Stupas and Viharas in twenty one States to develop small intra State Buddhist Zones and to expand Buddhist tourism Circuit and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Buddhist circuit is one of the fifteen thematic circuits identified for development under Swadesh Darshan Scheme. All the sites in the country associated with the Buddhism including the ones in Odisha are covered under the circuit.

The projects under the scheme are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier. Based on above, Ministry

has sanctioned following projects under Buddhist Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme:

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	State & Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	Madhya Pradesh (2016-17)	Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi- Satna- Rewa-Mandsaur- Dhar in Madhya Pradesh.	74.94
2.	Uttar Pradesh (2016-17)	Development of Buddhist Circuit – Sravasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilvastu in Uttar Pradesh.	99.97
3.	Bihar (2016-17)	Construction of Convention Centre adjacent to Maya Sarovar on the western side at Bodhgaya, Bihar	98.73
4.	Gujarat (2017-18)	Development of Buddhist circuit: Junagadh- Gir- Somnath- Bharuch- Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan scheme	35.99
5.	Andhra Pradesh (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
Total			361.97
