

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1273  
ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019**

**SETTING UP OF JAIN PILGRIMAGE CIRCUIT**

**†1273. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Jain pilgrimage circuit;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the international Buddhist pilgrimage site sankisa has been included/ proposed to be included in the Buddhist circuit and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism, under the scheme of Swadesh Darshan, is developing theme- based tourism circuits in the country. Tirthankar and Buddhist Circuits are among the fifteen thematic circuits identified for development under the Scheme.**

**Under Tirthankar Circuit, the Ministry has sanctioned the project for Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri in Bihar in the year 2016-17 for Rs.52.39 crore.**

**All sites in the country related to Buddhism including Sankisa are covered under the Buddhist Circuit for development.**

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