

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*204
ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019**

RELIGIOUS TOURIST CIRCUITS

***204. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish more religious tourist circuits besides Ramayana and Buddhist Circuits;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, specially in the North-Eastern States and Uttar Pradesh;**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether there has been any progress so far in this regard; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA
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(a) to (e): Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme- Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuits is developing tourism infrastructure in the identified circuits, across the country, having tourist potential in a planned and prioritized manner. Under the scheme fifteen thematic circuits have been identified for development including themes covering all the religious/spiritual sites in the country, namely: Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Tirthankar Circuit and Sufi Circuit.

In addition to above, Ministry is developing tourism infrastructure at identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations under its PRASHAD Scheme. Ministry has identified 41 sites in 25 states for development under the scheme namely Amaravati and Srisailem (Andhra Pradesh), Kamakhya (Assam), Parasuram Kund (Lohit District, Arunachal Pradesh), Patna and Gaya (Bihar), Balmeshwari Devi Temple (Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh), Dwarka and Somnath (Gujarat), Gurudwara Nada Saheb, Panchkula (Haryana), Maa Chintpurni (Una, Himachal Pradesh), Hazratbal and Katra (Jammu & Kashmir), Deogarh and Parasnath (Jharkhand), Chamundeshwari Devi, Mysuru (Karnataka), Guruvayoor, St. Thomas International Shrine, (Malayattoor), Cheraman Juma Mosque (Thrissur, Kerala), Omkareshwar and Amarkantak (Madhya Pradesh), Babedpara, West Jaintia Hills and Sohra (Meghalaya), Aizwal (Mizoram), Kohima and Mokokchung Districts (Nagaland), Trimbakeshwar (Maharashtra), Puri (Odisha), Amritsar (Punjab), Ajmer (Rajasthan), Kanchipuram and Vellankani (Tamil Nadu), Tripura Sundari (Tripura), Varanasi and Mathura (Uttar Pradesh), Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri (Uttarakhand) and Belur (West Bengal).

The projects under the above schemes are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/ Union Territory 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. The details of the projects sanctioned under the above schemes in various states including North Eastern States and Uttar Pradesh are annexed. The projects are at various stages of implementation/completion.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*204 ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019 REGARDING RELIGIOUS TOURIST CIRCUITS.****THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME****(Rs. in crores)**

S. No.	State/ Sanction Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
SPIRITUAL CIRCUIT				
1.	Kerala (2016-17)	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam in District Pathanamthitta	99.99	20.00
2.	Manipur (2016-17)	Development of Spiritual Circuit - Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple - Shri Gopinath Temple - Shri Bungshibodon Temple - Shri Kaina Temple	53.80	40.14
3.	Kerala (2016-17)	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula-Sabrimala	92.22	72.42
4.	Bihar (2016-17)	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj - Dharmshala- Deoghar	52.35	26.17
5.	Uttar Pradesh (2016-17)	Development of Shahjahanpur-Allahabad-Basti- Ahar- Aligarh-Kasgunj-Sarosi-Pratapgarh-Unnao-Kaushambi-Mirzapur-Gorakpur- Kairana-Doamriyagunj- Bagpat-Barabanki- Azamgarh	68.39	54.71
6.	Uttar Pradesh (2016-17)	Development of Bijnor-Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur-Salempur- Ghosi- Balia-Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh-Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba-Sonbhadra- Chandauli-	63.77	50.33

		Mishrikh- Bhadohi		
7.	Rajasthan (2016-17)	Development of Churu (Salasar Balaji)- Jaipur (Shri Samode Balaji, Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)- Alwar (Pandupole Hanumanji, Bharathari)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) – Mehandipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)	93.90	46.95
8.	Puducherry (2017-18)	Development of Spiritual Circuit in Puducherry	40.68	19.26
9.	Bihar (2017-18)	Development of Mandar Development Hill & Ang Pradesh	53.49	10.70
10.	Maharashtra (2018-19)	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh- Telankhandi- Girad	54.01	0.00
11.	Uttar Pradesh (2018-19)	Development of Jewar-Dadri- Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja- Banda	14.52	0.00
12.	Kerala (2018-19)	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania- Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam	69.47	0.00
13.	Kerala (2018-19)	Development of Kasaragod, Wayanad, Kannur, Kozhikode, Palakkad, Mallapuram, Thruchur, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam, Allaphuza, Pathananamithitta, Kollam, Trivandrum	85.23	0.00
14.	Uttar Pradesh (2018-19)	Development of Gorakhnath Temple(Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	21.16	0.00

RAMAYANA CIRCUIT				
15.	Uttar Pradesh (2016-17)	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45	52.17
16.	Uttar Pradesh (2017-18)	Development of Ayodhya	133.31	66.65
KRISHNA CIRCUIT				
17.	Haryana (2016-17)	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra	97.35	70.60
18.	Rajasthan (2016-17)	Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	91.45	45.72
BUDDHIST CIRCUIT				
19.	Madhya Pradesh (2016-17)	Development of Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar	74.94	54.51
20.	Uttar Pradesh (2016-17)	Development of Sravasti, Kushinagar & Kapilvastu	99.97	45.03
21.	Bihar (2016-17)	Construction of Convention Centre adjacent to Maya Sarovar on the western side at Bodhgaya	98.73	19.75
22.	Gujarat (2017-18)	Development of Junagadh- Gir-Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch-Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	35.99	7.20
23.	Andhra Pradesh (2017-18)	Development of Shalihundam-Thotlakonda- Bavikonda-Bojjanakonda- Amravati-Anupu in Andhra Pradesh	52.34	10.47
TIRTHANKAR CIRCUIT				
24.	Bihar (2016-17)	Development of Jain Circuit: Vaishali-Arrah-Masad-Patna-Rajgir-Pawapuri-Champapuri	52.39	26.19

THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
Year 2014-15				
1	Bihar	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	4.27	2.91
2	Odisha	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham-Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	50.00	10.00
3	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	14.93	10.38
4	Uttar Pradesh	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura	9.36	7.36
Year 2015-16				
5	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	28.36	22.69
6	Assam	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	30.71	22.03
7	Bihar	Development at Patna Sahib	41.54	33.23
8	Punjab	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	6.40	6.40
9	Rajasthan	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	40.44	19.41
10	Uttarakhand	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	34.78	27.83
11	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi	20.40	16.32
Year 2016-17				
12	Gujarat	Development of Dwarka	26.23	6.85
13	Gujarat	Pilgrimage amenities at Somnath	37.44	26.51
14	Jammu & Kashmir	Development at Hazratbal,	42.02	25.45

15	Kerala	Development at Guruvayur Temple	46.14	36.91
16	Tamilnadu	Development of Kanchipuram	16.48	8.24
17	Tamilnadu	Development of Vellankani	5.60	2.59
18	West Bengal	Development of Belur	30.03	23.39
Year 2017-18				
19	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Omkareshwar	40.67	18.76
20	Uttar Pradesh	Cruise Tourism in River Ganga, Varanasi	10.72	5.14
21.	Maharashtra	Development of Trimbakeshwar	37.81	8.49
22	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi Under Prashad Scheme - II	44.60	10.21
23	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Srisailam Temple in Andhra Pradesh under PRASHAD scheme	47.45	37.96
Year 2018-19				
24	Uttarakhand	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham (Uttarakhand)	39.24	11.77
25	Gujarat	Development of Promenade at Somnath,	44.59	13.77
26	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Govardhan, Mathura	39.74	0.0
27	Jharkhand	Development of Baidyanathji Dham, Deoghar	39.13	0.0
28	Nagaland	Development of Pilgrimage Facilities in Nagaland	25.26	0.0
Total			854.34	414.60
