

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3502
ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019**

**DEVELOPMENT OF PLACES ASSOCIATED WITH KALIBANGA
CIVILISATION**

†3502. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop new tourist sites in the other States/Union Territories of the country including the State of Rajasthan;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from Rajasthan Government for development of 'Kalibanga Civilisation of Mohenjodaro' and 'Laila Majnu ki Mazar' as tourist sites;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the current status thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to develop more tourist sites in the border areas of the country in the near future to improve the living standard of people and the development of tourism in these places?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Identification and development of tourism sites is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism, under its schemes of Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies provides central financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations/ Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country including Border areas.

The projects under the above schemes are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations/Central Agencies and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, their adherence to relevant scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier. Based on above criteria, Ministry has sanctioned funds to the tune of Rs.43.37 lakh for development of Kalibanga under the project “Development of Heritage Circuit in Rajsamand- Jaipur- Alwar- Sawai Madhopur- Jhalawar- Chittorgarh- Jaisalmer- Hanumangarh- Jalore- Udaipur- Dholpur- Nagaur in Rajasthan under Swadesh Darshan Scheme”. The Ministry has not received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan for development of Laila Majnu ki Mazar.

For development of tourists sites in border areas, the Ministry under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme has sanctioned projects for development of tourist facilities at the Suchetgarh and Karnah Borders in J&K, Akhoora Border in Tripura and Hussainiwala Border in Punjab.
