LINKING OF PILGRIM PLACES OF BIHAR

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilgrim places of Bihar which have been linked under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD Scheme) by the Government for tourism during the year 2015;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the said pilgrim places of North-Eastern Bihar have also been linked and if not, whether the Government proposes to link pilgrim places of these regions under PRASAD Scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): Project proposals under PRASHAD Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism are received from the respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. On the basis of the proposals received from the State Government of Bihar, Patna for Patna Sahib, Gaya for Vishnupad Temple and Sitamarhi for Punaur Dham have been included in the scheme. Status of the projects approved under the scheme for the State of Bihar is given in the below Table:

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<th>Sr. No.</th>
<th>Name of the project</th>
<th>Year of Sanction</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar</td>
<td>2014-15</td>
<td>4.27</td>
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<td>Development of Patna Sahib, Patna, Bihar</td>
<td>2015-16</td>
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