

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1706
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023**

TOURISM PROJECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN BIHAR

**1706.SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:
SHRI DULAL CHANDRA GOSWAMI:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the projects for development of tourism approved, sanctioned and executed in Bihar during the last three years including the current year, year-wise;**
- (b) the details of the tourism projects completed so far and the time by which the remaining projects are likely to be completed;**
- (c) the reasons for the delay in completion of the pending projects;**
- (d) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for the development of tourism sector in the State during the said period, year-wise; and**
- (e) whether the State Government of Bihar has submitted any proposal to the Government and if so, the details thereof along with the present status of ongoing projects in the State of Bihar?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism under the Schemes of “Swadesh Darshan”, “National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)” and ‘Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development’ provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for the development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities at various tourism destinations in the country including Bihar.

The details of projects sanctioned, amount released and amount utilized along with their status in the State of Bihar under the Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies Schemes is given at Annexure. The projects sanctioned under the above schemes are under various stages of implementation for more footfalls to these tourism destinations/sites.

Receiving proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations/Central Agencies for financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated conditions, operational viability and availability of funds.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1706 ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023 REGARDING TOURISM PROJECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN BIHAR.****Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Amount Utilised	Physical Status (%)
1.	Bihar	Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vaishali-Arrah-Masad-Patna- Rajgir-Pawapuri-Champapuri	33.96	30.04	26.19	Complete
2.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala-Deoghar	44.76	42.52	40.51	Complete
3.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	95.18	93.22	93.22	Complete
4.	Bihar	Rural Circuit 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa-Chandrahia-Turkaulia	44.27	39.96	35.72	Complete
5.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	44.55	42.32	39.34	Complete
6.	-	Wayside Amenities 2018-19	Development of Wayside Amenities in	15.07	14.32	14.16	Complete

			Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at Varanasi-Gaya; Kushinagar-Gaya-Kushinagar in collaboration with MoRTH				
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PRASHAD Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	State	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Amount Utilized	Physical Progress %
1.	Bihar	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	41.54	33.23	31.47	100%
2.		Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	2014-15	4.27	2.91	2.91	100%

Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	State	Name of Projects	Central Agency	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Amount Utilized	Status
Year 2013-14							
1.	Bihar	Joint Development of tourist Amenities at Gaya Railway Station in Association with Ministry of Railways	M/o Railways	5.18	4.14	Not received	Ongoing
