

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1791
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023**

FUNDS ALLOCATED TO PROMOTE TOURISM IN DARBHANGA

†1791. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented various schemes/programmes for providing assistance to States for the development of tourism in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details of the funds allocated to promote tourism in Darbhanga, Bihar during the last five years; and**
- (c) the scheme-wise details of the funds allocated and utilized under the projects sanctioned along with the outline of the tourism development in Pataliputra during the last five years?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): 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 (UT) Administrations/Central Agencies for the development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities at various tourism destinations in the country including Bihar.

Further, financial assistance has also been provided to the State Governments/UTs including Bihar for organizing fairs/festivals & tourism related events under Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme.

The details of projects sanctioned and funds allocated under the above mentioned Schemes in the State of Bihar is given at Annexure.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1791 ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023 REGARDING FUNDS ALLOCATED TO PROMOTE TOURISM IN DARBHANGA.****Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Rs. in Crore)**

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

PRASHAD Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

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

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
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

Financial assistance provided for organizing fairs/festivals & tourism related events under Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme**(Rs. in Lakh)**

Name of State	Year	Name of Fairs & Festivals	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
Bihar	2019-20	Sonepur Fair	25.00	25.00
		Rajgir Mahotsav	25.00	25.00
