

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2838
ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023**

TOURISM PROJECTS SANCTIONED FOR BIHAR

2838.SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of tourism projects launched by the Government in the recent past to promote tourism and also create employment opportunities in tourism sector;**
- (b) the details of each tourism project sanctioned/being implemented in Bihar during the last five years for tourism development, particularly in Jehanabad, Gaya and Arwal districts; and**
- (c) the details of employment potential created/proposed to be created due to above projects?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism under its ongoing schemes/programmes promotes various tourism destinations and products of the country in a holistic manner. In addition with the objective to develop tourism infrastructure in the country, the Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies under its 'Swadesh Darshan', 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' Schemes. Ministry of Tourism also provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for organizing fairs/festivals & tourism related events under Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme.

The financial assistance provided for implantations of various tourism projects provide direct and indirect employment opportunities in various tourism related sectors.

The details of projects along with their status sanctioned in the State of Bihar in last five years under the above-mentioned schemes is given at ANNEXURE.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2838 ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023 REGARDING TOURISM PROJECTS SANCTIONED FOR BIHAR**

Amount sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme for Development of Tourist places in the state of Bihar:-

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	State/ UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Bihar	Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	33.96	30.04
2.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj - Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76	42.52
3.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	95.18	93.22
4.	Bihar	Rural Circuit 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.27	39.96
5.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	44.55	42.32

Amount sanctioned under Prashad Scheme for Development of Tourist places in the state of Bihar:-

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	State	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released
1.	Bihar	Development at Patna Sahib**	2015-16	41.54	33.23

2.	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar**	2014-15	4.27	2.91
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**** Projects completed**

Under the scheme “Assistance to Central Agencies for Infrastructure Development” the following railway station is sanctioned in the state of Bihar:-

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	Name of the Projects (Joint Development of development of tourist amenities by the Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Tourism)	Amount Sanctioned	Amount released
1.	Gaya Railway Station	5.18	4.14

Amount sanctioned for fair & festival under the scheme Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) in the state of Bihar:-

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Year	Name of Fairs & Festivals	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1	2019-20	Sonepur fair & Rajgir Mahotsav	50.00	50.00
