

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2343
ANSWERED ON 18.12.2023**

**DEVELOPMENT OF ICONIC TOURISM SITES INTO WORLD CLASS
TOURIST DESTINATIONS**

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced 17 Iconic Tourism sites to develop them into World Class Tourist Destinations and to serve as a model for other tourist sites during the Budget 2019-20;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;**
- (c) whether the State Government of Odisha and Maharashtra has requested the Union Government for inclusion of Tourists sites of Odisha in the list of iconic sites;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the details of the decision so far taken on the request of the State Government of Odisha and Maharashtra;**
- (e) whether Union Government has released funds for development, modernisation of various Tourism sites in the State of Odisha and Maharashtra; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, tourism site-wise?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

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(a) to (f): The scheme for 'Development of Iconic Tourism Destinations' formulated by the Ministry of Tourism was not approved. However, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 76 projects for a total amount of ₹5294.11 Crore in the country including 02 projects in Maharashtra and 01 project in Odisha. The details of the projects sanctioned under the scheme of Swadesh Darshan are at Annexure-I. The Ministry has revamped its 'Swadesh Darshan scheme' as 'Swadesh Darshan scheme 2.0' (SD2.0) and in consultation with the respective State Governments have identified 'Koraput' in Odisha and 'Sindhudurg' in Maharashtra for

development under SD2.0 scheme.

In addition, Ministry of Tourism under its another scheme of 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' have also sanctioned projects in various States/UT Administrations including Odisha and Maharashtra. The details of the projects sanctioned under 'PRASHAD' scheme are at Annexure II.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2343 ANSWERED ON 18.12.2023 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF ICONIC TOURISM SITES INTO WORLD CLASS TOURIST DESTINATIONS BY SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU, DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE, SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE.

State wise list of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

(₹ in crore)

S. No.	State/ UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Long Island-Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair	27.57	20.89
2	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2014-15	Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam - Kotipally	67.83	67.83
3	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake - Ubbilamadugu Water Falls - Nelapattu- Kothakoduru- Mypadu - Ramateertham - Iskapalli	49.55	49.55
4	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda - Amravati- Anupu	35.24	28.19

5	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit 2014-15	Development of Bhalukpong- Bomdila and Tawang	49.77	47.28
6	Arunachal Pradesh	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nafra- Seppa- Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys- Sangdupota- New Sagalee- Ziro- Yomcha	96.72	91.88
7	Assam	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Manas- Probitora- Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa	94.68	89.94
8	Assam	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar	90.98	86.42
9	Bihar	Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	33.96	30.04
10	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76	42.52
11	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	95.18	93.22
12	Bihar	Rural Circuit 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.27	39.96
13	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	44.55	42.32
14	Chhattisgarh	Tribal	Development of	96.10	94.23

		Circuit 2015-16	Jashpur- Kunkuri- Mainpat- Kamleshpur - Maheshpur -Kurdar - Sarodhadadar- Gangrel- Kondagaon- Nathiyawagaon- Jagdapur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh		
15	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail	97.65	97.65
16	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2017-18	Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek - Dona Paula -Colva - Benaulim	99.35	99.35
17	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahmedabad- Rajkot- Porbandar -Bardoli- Dandi	58.42	56.21
18	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vadnagar- Modhera	91.12	87.25
19	Gujarat	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch- Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	26.68	22.28
20	Haryana	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra	77.39	77.88
21	Himachal Pradesh	Himalaya n Circuit 2016-17	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra,	68.34	64.54

			Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba		
22	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalaya n Circuit 2016-17	Development of Jammu-Srinagar-Pahalgam-Bhagwati Nagar-Anantnag-Salamabad Uri-Kargil-Leh	77.33	67.37
23	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalaya n Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama.	81.60	67.35
24	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalaya n Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities - Construction of Assets in lieu of those Destroyed in Floods in 2014 under PM Development Package	90.43	74.70
25	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalaya n Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai and Sudhmahadev	91.99	87.19
26	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalaya n Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Anantnag-Pulwama-Kishtwar-Pahalgam-Zanskar Padum - Daksum - Ranjit Sagar Dam	86.39	69.95
27	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalaya n Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla-Kupwara- Kargil - Leh	91.84	73.45
28	Jharkhand	Eco Circuit 2018-19	Development of Eco Tourism circuit: Dalma- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	30.44	28.83

29	Kerala	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi-Vagamon-Thekkady	64.08	64.08
30	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam	47.74	27.44
31	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula	78.08	73.77
32	Kerala	Rural Circuit 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35	30.98
33	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania- Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam	66.42	42.01
34	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna- Mukundpur-Sanjay- Dubri-Bandhavgarh-Kanha- Mukki- Pench	92.10	86.31
35	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar	74.02	72.75
36	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gwalior - Orchha - Khajuraho - Chanderi - Bhimbetka - Mandu	89.82	89.49
37	Madhya Pradesh	Eco Circuit 2017-18	Development of Gandhisagar Dam-Mandleshwar Dam-	93.76	89.07

			Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River		
38	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagarareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06	18.11
39	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad	53.96	32.04
40	Manipur	North- East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal- Khongjom	72.23	61.32
41	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple - Shri Gopinath Temple - Shri Bungshibodon Temple - Shri Kaina Temple	45.34	43.04
42	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2016-17	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng- Mawdiangdiang - Orchid Lake Resort	99.13	99.11
43	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- KremTiroi - Khudoi & Kohmang Falls -	84.97	76.97

			Khri River-Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls-Shyrmanglooksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)		
44	Mizoram	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek.	92.26	92.26
45	Mizoram	Eco Circuit 2016-17	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl -Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Chatlang-Sakawrhmutaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang	66.37	53.09
46	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren-Kohima- Wokha	97.36	92.49
47	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mokokchung-Tuensang-Mon	98.14	98.14
48	Odisha	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82	67.28
49	Puducherry	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Dubrayapet – Arikamedu – Veerampattinam - Chunnambar - Nallavadu/Narambai - Manapet- Kalapet - Puducherry - Yanam	58.44	58.44
50	Puducherry	Heritage	Development of	49.44	45.70

		Circuit 2017-18	Franco- Tamil Village, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam		
51	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Karaikal, Yanam and Puducherry	34.96	30.94
52	Punjab	Heritage Circuit 2018-19	Development of Anandpur Sahib - Fatehgarh Sahib - Chamkaur Sahib - Ferozpur - Khatkar Kalan - Kalanour - Patiala	85.32	81.05
53	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations	50.01	50.01
54	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	75.80	72.01
55	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Spiritual Circuit- 'Development of Churu (Salasar Balaji)-Jaipur (Shri Samodke Balaji, Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) - Mehndipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)	87.05	72.23
56	Rajasthan	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit	70.61	66.99

		2017-18	Development of Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort) - Jaipur (Facade Illumination in Jaipur and Nahargarh Fort) -Jhalawar (Gagron Fort) - Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) – Jaisalmer (Jaisalmer Fort) - Hanumangarh (Gogamedi) - Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra) - Dholpur (Bagh-I-Nilofor and Purani Chawani) - Nagaur (Meera Bai Smarak, Merta) - Tonk (Sunehri Kothi)		
57	Sikkim	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit linking Rangpo (entry) – Rorathang-Aritar- Phadamchen-Nathang-Sherathang-Tsongmo- Gangtok-Phodong- Mangan-Lachung-Yumthang-Lachen- Thangu-Gurudongmer-Mangan- Gangtok-TuminLingee-Singtam (exit)	98.05	97.41
58	Sikkim	North East Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam– Maka- Temi-BermoikTokel-Phongia- Namchi – Jorthang- Okharey-Sombaria-Daramdin-Jorethang- Melli (Exit)	95.32	90.55

59	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of (Chennai- Mamamallapuram - Rameshwaram - Manpadu - Kanyakumari)	73.13	71.03
60	Telangana	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district	91.62	91.25
61	Telangana	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram- Medavaram- Tadvai- Damaravi- Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls	79.87	79.87
62	Telangana	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb	96.90	70.61
63	Tripura	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur- Tirthamukh- Mandirghat- Dumboor- NarikelKunja- Gandachara- Ambassa	82.85	73.29
64	Tripura	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of Surma Cherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati - Bhunaneshwari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chottakhola- Pilak- Avangchaarra	44.83	18.37
65	Uttar	Buddhist	Development of	87.89	72.56

	Pradesh	Circuit 2016-17	Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu		
66	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45	64.09
67	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahar-Aligarh- Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh- Kausambi-Mirzapur- Gorakhpur- Domariyaganj-Basti- Barabanki- Azamgarh-Kairana- Baghpat- Shahjahanpur	71.91	68.32
68	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi	67.51	64.14
69	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mahuar shaheed Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)	33.92	32.27
70	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Ayodhya	127.21	115.46

		2017-18			
71	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda	12.03	11.43
72	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	18.30	16.81
73	Uttarakhand	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, and Associated Tourism Related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri	69.17	69.17
74	Uttarakhand	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region - Katarmal - Jogeshwar-Bairnath-Devidhura	76.32	67.62
75	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur-Digha-Shankarpur-Tajpur-Mandarmani-Fraserganj-Bakkhlai-Henry Island	67.99	65.07
76	-	Wayside Amenities 2018-19	Development of Wayside Amenities in Uttar Pradesh and	15.07	14.32

			Bihar at Varanasi-Gaya; Kushinagar-Gaya- Kushinagar in collaboration with MoRTH		
Total				5294.11	4839.03

*** Includes amount released to CNA as per new financial procedure**

ANNEXURE- II

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2343 ANSWERED ON 18.12.2023 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF ICONIC TOURISM SITES INTO WORLD CLASS TOURIST DESTINATIONS BY SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU, DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE, SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE.

State wise list of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme

(₹ in crore)

S. No.	State/UT	Sanction Year	Project Name	Approved Cost	Amount Released
1	Andhra Pradesh	2015-16	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	27.77	27.77
2		2017-18	Development of Srisailem Temple	43.08	43.08
3		2022-23	Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam Temple	54.04	0.00
4	Arunachal Pradesh	2020-21	Development of Parshuram Kund, Lohit Distt.	37.88	14.68
5	Assam	2015-16	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati.	29.80	29.80
6	Bihar	2015-16	Development at Patna Sahib	41.54	33.23
7		2014-15	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	4.27	2.91

8	Chhattisgarh	2020-21	Development of Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple, Dongargarh, Rajnandgaon District, Chhattisgarh	43.33	24.33
9	Gujarat	2016-17	Development of Dwarka	13.08	10.46
10		2016-17	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	45.36	45.36
11		2018-19	Development of Promenade at Somnath	47.12	47.12
12		2021-22	Development of Pilgrim Plaza with Queue management complex at Somnath Gujarat	49.97	0.00
13		2022-23	Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple, Banaskantha, Gujarat	50.00	10.54
14	Haryana	2019-20	Development of Mata Mansa and Nada Saheb Gurudwara Devi Temple in Panchkula District	48.53	34.68
15	Jammu and Kashmir	2016-17	Development at Hazratbal Shrine, Srinagar	40.46	34.30
16	Jharkhand	2018-19	Development of Baba Baidyanath Dham, Deoghar	39.13	31.23
17	Karnataka	2023-24	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple, Mysuru	45.71	Sanctioned on 14 th June 2023

18	Kerala	2016-17	Development at Guruvayur Temple	45.19	45.19
19	Madhya Pradesh	2020-21	Development of Amarkantak	49.99	13.62
20		2017-18	Development of Omkareshwar	43.93	43.93
21	Maharashtra	2017-18	Development of Trimbakeshwar, Nashik	52.92	29.85
22	Meghalaya	2020-21	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya	29.32	24.92
23	Mizoram	2022-23	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism in the State of Mizoram	44.89	6.52
24	Nagaland	2018-19	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland	25.26	21.33
25		2022-23	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto	18.18	5.45
26	Odisha	2014-15	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham – Ramachandi - Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	50.00	10.00
27	Punjab	2015-16	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	6.40	6.40
28		2021-22	Development of Chamkaur Sahib at Rupar, Punjab	31.57	17.49

29	Rajasthan	2015-16	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	32.64	26.11
30	Sikkim	2020-21	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	33.32	28.30
31	Tamil Nadu	2016-17	Development of Kanchipuram	13.99	13.99
32		2016-17	Development of Velankanni	4.86	4.86
33	Telangana	2020-21	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple, Alampur	36.73	13.76
34		2022-23	Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Mulugu	62.00	12.82
35		2022-23	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam, Bhadradri Kothagudem District	41.38	0.00
36	Tripura	2020-21	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple, Udaipur	37.80	25.63
37	Uttar Pradesh	2015-16	Development of Varanasi –Phase –I	18.72	18.72
38		2014-15	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	10.98	10.98
39		2017-18	River Cruise Tourism in Ganga, Varanasi	9.02	9.02

40		2014-15	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan	9.36	9.36
41		2017-18	Development of Varanasi – Phase II	44.60	31.77
42		2018-19	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	39.74	30.97
43	Uttarakhand	2015-16	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	34.77	34.77
44		2018-19	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham	56.15	20.79
45		2021-22	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities and Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham	54.36	14.06
46	West Bengal	2016-17	Development of Belur Math	30.03	23.39
			Total	1629.17	943.49
