

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†388
ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024**

**IDENTIFICATION OF NEW TOURISM
SITES IN BORDER AREAS OF RAJASTHAN**

†388. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified any new tourist sites being considered for development in Rajasthan particularly in the border areas;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for conservation of historical heritage places in the country including Rajasthan during the last two years; and**
- (d) whether the Government has made provision of any separate budget for conservation of the said historical heritage places?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): While development of tourism infrastructure is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, the Ministry of Tourism under its schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies' provides financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies etc. for augmentation of tourism infrastructure and tourist experiences in the country including Rajasthan.

The Ministry under its 'Assistance to Central Agencies' scheme has sanctioned the project 'Development of border tourism at Border Security Force Check Post, Tanot complex' in the year

2022-23 for an amount of Rs.17.68 crore. The detail of projects sanctioned under the above mentioned schemes in the State of Rajasthan is annexed.

The Ministry of Tourism has revamped the Swadesh Darshan scheme as 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)' with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations and in consultation with the State Government of Rajasthan has identified 'Bundi' (Keshoraipatan) and 'Jodhpur' as destinations for development under SD2.0. Further, 'Shri Karni Mata Mandir, Bikaner District' and 'Sun Temple, Budhahita, Kota District' have been identified for development under PRASHAD Scheme.

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) takes up conservation work of 3697 centrally protected monuments/sites in the country including Rajasthan. Conservation and preservation is a continuous process and ASI incurs adequate expenditure on the conservation programme earmarked for the purpose. There are 163 Centrally protected monuments under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the State of Rajasthan. No new tourism spots in Rajasthan have been identified particularly in its border areas by the ASI. No separate budgetary provision has been made by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for the purpose.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+388 ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024 REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF NEW TOURISM SITES IN BORDER AREAS OF RAJASTHAN BY SHRI NIHAL CHAND****LIST OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED IN RAJASTHAN UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN, PRASHAD SCHEMES AND ASSISTANCE TO CENTRAL AGENCIES****(Amount in ₹ crore)**

S. No.	Circuit/ Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
SWADESH DARSHAN			
1	Desert Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations	50.01
2	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	75.80
3	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
4	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Heritage Circuit 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) -	70.61

		Nagaur (Meera Bai Smarak, Merta) - Tonk (Sunehri Kothi)	
PRASHAD			
5	2015-16	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	32.64
Assistance to Central Agencies schemes			
6	2022-23	Development of border tourism at Border Security Force Check Post, Tanot complex	17.68
7	2023-24	Installation of Musical Fountain & Water Screen Multimedia based projection show at Nawal Sagar Lake, Bundi	9.26
