

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1372
ANSWERED ON 25.11.2019**

**SPECIAL WORK PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN
PATLIPUTRA**

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate a special work plan for the development of tourism in Patliputra Constituency;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the funds allocated for the development of historical places in and around Patna in the last five years;**
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate a work-plan for the development of tourism in the country and if so, the State-wise details of the funds spent for promoting tourism in the country during the last five years; and**
- (e) the benefit accrued to the said States along with the extent of revenue earned by the Central and State Government as a result thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (d): Planning and Development of Tourism places is the responsibility of respective State Government/U.T. Administration. Ministry of Tourism, under the schemes viz., Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and "Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuit in the Country, Swadesh Darshan (SD)" provides Central Financial Assistance for infrastructure development and beautification of Tourist Places/Pilgrimage Centres on receipt of suitable DPRs

submitted by State Governments/Union Territories, subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilisation certificate against the fund released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines.

Based on the proposals received from State Government of Bihar the following projects have been approved by the Ministry of Tourism.

A. Swadesh Darshan Scheme:

- i. “Development of Vaishali-Arrah-Masad-Patna-Rajgir-Pawapuri-Champapuri” approved in 2016-17 as Tirthankar Circuit at the cost of Rs.52.39 Crore. The amount Rs.26.19 Crore has been released so far.**
- ii. “Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj-Dharmshala-Deoghar” approved as Spiritual Circuit in 2016-17 at the cost of Rs.52.35 Crore. The amount Rs.39.76 Crore has been released so far.**
- iii. “Development of Buddhist Circuit –Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya” approved in 2016-17 at the cost of Rs.98.73 Crore. The amount Rs.48.69 Crore has been released so far.**
- iv. “Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa-Chandrahia-Turkaulia” approved in 2017-18 as Rural Circuit at the cost of Rs.44.65 Crore. The amount Rs.21.24 Crore has been released so far.**
- v. “Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh” approved in 2017-18 as Spiritual Circuit at the cost of Rs. 53.49 Crore. The amount Rs.24.28 Crore has been released so far.**

B. PRASHAD Scheme

- vi. “Development of Basic Facilities at Vishnupad Temple, Gaya, Bihar” approved in 2014-15 at the cost of Rs.4.27 Crore. The amount Rs.2.91 Crore has been released so far.**
- vii. “Development of Patna Sahib” approved in 2015-16 at the cost of Rs.41.54 Crore. The amount Rs.33.23 Crore has been released so far.**

In addition to above an amount Rs.50.00 Lakh was also sanctioned by Ministry as Central Finance Assistance (CFA) for organising (1) Sonpur Fair and (2) Rajgir Mahotsav in Bihar in the year 2019-20.

Further, the Ministry of Tourism promotes India as a holistic destination under the Incredible India brand-line. The Ministry of Tourism, as part of its on-going activities, releases print, electronic, online and outdoor media campaigns in the international and domestic markets to promote various tourism destinations and products of the country including that in Bihar. Promotions are also undertaken through the Social Media accounts and website of the Ministry.

(e): The data about revenue earned from Tourism is not maintained in the Ministry of Tourism.
