

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2284
ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019**

DEVELOPMENT OF KUTIYA OF MAHATMA VIDUR AS TOURIST SPOT

†2284. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Vidur Kuti which is a historical place belonging to the legendary Mahabharata era situated in Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh has been included in the list of 30 places identified to be developed as tourist destination in June, 2018;**
- (b) if so, the efforts taken in this direction till date;**
- (c) if not, whether there is any plan to develop the Vidur Kuti as a tourist destination; and**
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme is developing thematic tourist circuits in the country under a planned and prioritised manner. Under the Spiritual Circuit theme of the scheme the Ministry has sanctioned the project Development of Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi in Uttar Pradesh for Rs. 63.77 crore. in the year 2016-17.

Vidhur Kuti in Bijnor is one of the site covered under the above project. The development work at the site includes Landscaping, Solar Lighting, Multipurpose Hall, Changing Rooms, Public toilets, Cafeteria, Benches, Solid waste management and Parking for Rs. 2.53 Crore.
