

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†126  
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020**

**SPIRITUAL TOURISM CIRCUITS UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN  
SCHEME**

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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is developing new spiritual circuits in the country under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the State Governments have submitted proposals for developing various rural tourism circuits under the said scheme;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether any rural tourism circuits have been sanctioned under the said scheme; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (f): Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme is developing tourism infrastructure in the identified circuits, across the country, having tourist potential in a planned and prioritized manner. Under the scheme fifteen thematic circuits have been identified for development including themes covering religious/spiritual sites in the country, namely: Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Tirthankar Circuit, Sufi Circuit and Rural Circuit.**

**Submission of project proposal by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and its sanctioning is**

**a continuous process. The projects under the scheme are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable Detailed Project Reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.**

**The details of project sanctioned under the Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Tirthankar Circuit, Sufi Circuit and Rural Circuit are placed in the annexure.**

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†126 ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020 REGARDING SPIRITUAL TOURISM CIRCUITS UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.**

**THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER SPIRITUAL,RAMAYANA,KRISHNA, BUDDHIST, TIRTHANKAR, SUFI AND RURAL TOURISM CIRCUIT UNDER THE SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME DURING LAST THREE YEARS.**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State/ year of sanction</b>	<b>Circuit name</b>	<b>Details of the circuit</b>	<b>Sanctioned in Crores</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Kerala 2016-17</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.</b>	<b>99.99</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Manipur 2016-17</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Spiritual Circuit – Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri BijoyGovindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple, Manipur.</b>	<b>53.80</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Kerala 2016-17</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Sree PadmanabhaArnamula-Sabrimala-as a Spiritual Circuit in Kerala</b>	<b>92.22</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Bihar 2016-17</b>	<b>Spiritual circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala-Deoghar under Spiritual circuit in Bihar.</b>	<b>52.35</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh 2016-17</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Spiritual Circuit (Shahjahanpur-Basti- Ahar-Aligharh-Kasgunj-Sarosi-Pratapgarh-Unnao-</b>	<b>68.39</b>

			<b>Kaushambi- Mirzapur- Gorakpur- Kairana- Doamriyagunj- Bagpat- Barabanki- Azamgarh)</b>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh 2016-17</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Spiritual Circuit –II(Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi) in Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme</b>	<b>63.77</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Rajasthan 2016-17</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Spiritual Circuit– Churu (SalasarBalaji)– Jaipur (Shri SamodeBalaji, GhatkeBalaji, BandhekeBalaji)- Alwar (PandupoleHanumanji, Bharathari)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) – MehandipurBalaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji) in Rajasthan under Swadesh Darshan scheme</b>	<b>93.90</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Puducherry 2017-18</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Spiritual Circuit in Puducherry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme</b>	<b>40.68</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Bihar 2017-18</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Mandar Hill &amp;Ang Pradesh under Spiritual Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.</b>	<b>53.49</b>

<b>10.</b>	<b>Maharashtra 2018-19</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh- Telankhandi- Girad in Maharashtra</b>	<b>54.01</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh 2018-19</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Jewar- Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida- Khurja-Banda in Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>14.52</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Kerala 2018-19</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania- Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam</b>	<b>69.47</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Kerala 2018-19</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Kasaragod, Wayanad, Kannur, Kozhikode, Palakkad, Mallapuram, Thrichur, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam, Allaphuza, Pathanamithitta, Kollam, Trivandrum</b>	<b>85.23</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh 2018-19</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)</b>	<b>21.16</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh 2016-17</b>	<b>Ramayana Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur</b>	<b>69.45</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh 2017-18</b>	<b>Ramayana Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Ayodhya</b>	<b>133.31</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Haryana 2016-17</b>	<b>Krishna Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra</b>	<b>97.35</b>
<b>18.</b>	<b>Rajasthan 2016-17</b>	<b>Krishna Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple</b>	<b>91.45</b>

			(Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	
19.	Bihar Tirthankar circuit 2016-17	Tirthankar Circuit	Development of Vaishali-Arrah- Masad- Patna-Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	52.39
20.	Madhya Pradesh 2016-17	Buddhist circuit	Development of Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar	74.94
21.	Uttar Pradesh 2016-17	Buddhist circuit	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	99.97
22.	Bihar 2016-17	Buddhist circuit	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	98.73
23.	Gujarat 2017-18	Buddhist circuit	Development of Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	29.28
24.	Andhra Pradesh 2017-18	Buddhist circuit	Development of: Shalihundam- Thotlakonda- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda- Amravati- Anupu	52.34
25.	Bihar 2017-18	Rural Circuit	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.65
26.	Kerala 2018-19	Rural Circuit	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	80.37

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