

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3532
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2020**

RURAL TOURISM PARKS

**†3532. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up rural tourism centres and tourism parks for promoting tourism in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of such centres and parks proposed in Rajasthan;**
- (d) whether many religious places in Sikar district of Rajasthan including Khatu Shyamji, Jeenmata, Balaji and Lohagarh have great tourism potential;**
- (e) whether the Government is making efforts to develop these places from tourism view point; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

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 identified circuits including Tourist Parks and Tourism Clusters across the country having tourism potential in a planned and prioritized manner. Rural circuit has been identified as one of the thematic circuit for development under the scheme.

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. Identification and selection of the circuits and approval of projects under the Swdaesh Darshan scheme is a continuous process. Based on the above criteria,

the details of projects sanctioned under Rural Circuit in the country and also in other thematic circuits in Rajasthan are as follows:

		(Amount in Cr.)
Circuit/year/State	Detail	Sanctioned for
Rural Circuit in Bihar 2017-18	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia in Bihar	44.65
Rural Circuit Kerala 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project in Kerala	80.37
Rajasthan Desert Circuit 2015-16	Development of Shakambhari Mata Temple, Sambhar Salt Complex, Devyani Kund, Sharmistha Sarovar, Naliasar and Other Destinations.	63.96
Rajasthan Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	91.45
Rajasthan Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Churu (Salasar Balaji)- Jaipur (Shri Samode Balaji, Ghat keBalaji, Bandheke Balaji)- Alwar (Pandupole Hanumanji, Bharathari)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) - Mehandipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)	93.90
Rajasthan Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort)- Jaipur (Nahargarh Fort)- Alwar (Bala Quila)- Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore Fort and Khandar Fort)- Jhalawar (Gagron Fort)- Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) Jaisalmer (Jaisalmer Fort) Hanumangarh (Kalibangan, Bhatner Fort and Gogamedi)- Jalore (Jalore Fort)- Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra)- Dholpur (Bagh-i-Nilofar and Purani Chawni)- Nagaur (Meera Bai Smarak)	90.92
