### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4669 ANSWERED ON 23.03.2020

# INCLUSION OF ARUNACHALESHWAR TEMPLE UNDER CULTURAL RELIGIOUS THEMATIC CIRCUIT

### 4669. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the places/institutions included for development as culturalreligious thematic circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to develop Tourism Circuit for Shiva Temples in the country under Swadesh Darshan Scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total outlay for each circuit and layout and time line for development of those circuits;
- (d) the time by which the Arunachaleshwar temple in Tiruvannmalai region which attracts thousands of pilgrims for darshan and Girvallam (circumambulation of the Arunachaleshwar Hill) would be places in the map of culturalreligious thematic circuit for its development; and
- (e) the steps taken to provide basic amenities to lakhs of pilgrims visiting Arunachaleshwar Temple at Tiruvannmalai for promotion of religious tourism?

#### ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme is developing thematic tourist circuits in the country with the objective of providing enhanced tourism experience to the visitors. Ministry has identified fifteen thematic circuits for development namely Buddhist Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit, Sufi Circuit, and Tirthankara Circuit. The sites taken up for development under the scheme includes cultural and religious sites including Shiva Temples in the country. The details of projects sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan scheme are at annexure.

addition to above the Ministry under its PRASHAD scheme In is also developing tourist facilities at the pilgrimage and heritage sites in the country. The Shavite temples covered under the scheme includes Somnath (Gujarat), Srisailam (Andhra Pradesh), Baidyanathji Dham (Jharkhand)), Omkareshwar (Madhya Pradesh), Trimbakeshwar (Maharashtra), Ekambeshwar Temple (Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu), Markandey Mahadev Temple (Varanasi ,Uttar Pradesh), Kedarnath (Uttarakhand) and Amarlingeshwar Swamy Temple (Amravati, Andhra Pradesh).

There is no circuit wise outlay under Swadesh Darshan Scheme. As per the scheme guidelines the timelines of the project varies from 18 to 36 months.

(d) to (e): 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 State Government of Tamilnadu has not submitted any proposal for development of Arunachaleshwar Temple in Tiruvannmalai.

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ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4669 ANSWERED ON 23.03.2020 REGARDING INCLUSION OF ARUNACHALESHWAR TEMPLE UNDER CULTURAL RELIGIOUS THEMATIC CIRCUIT.

(Amount in Crores)

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SI.	State/UT	Circuit/	Name of the Project	Amt.
No.		Year		Sanctioned
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Coastal Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Long Island- Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair.	
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit/ 2014-15	Development of Circuit at Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam - Kotipally	
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit/ 2015-16	DevelopmentofNellore,PulikatLake,Ubblamaduguwaterfalls,NelapattuBirdSanctuary,MypaduBeach,Ramatheertham	
4.	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit/ 2017-18	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Thotlakonda- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda- Amravati- Anupu in Andhra Pradesh under the theme of Buddhist Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	
5.	Arunachal Pradesh	North- East Circuit/ 2014-15	Development of Circuit at Bhalukpong- Bomdila and Tawang.	
6.	Arunachal Pradesh	North East Circuit/ 2015-16	Integrated Development of Jirigaon, Nafra, Seppa, Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys, Lumdung, LafangSohung Lake, Taro Yar, New Sagalee, Ziro, Yomcha	

7.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit/ 2015-16	Development of Manas– Pobitora– Nameri– Kaziranga– Dibru– Saikhowa.	95.67
8.	Assam	Heritage Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar	98.35
9.	Bihar	Tirthankar circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri.	52.39
10.	Bihar	Spiritual circuit/ 2016-17	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj- Mojma- Banka.	52.35
11.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit/ 2016-17	Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	98.73
12.	Bihar	Rural Circuit/ 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.65
13.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit/ 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill &Ang Pradesh.	53.49
14.	Chhattisgarh	Tribal Circuit/ 2015-16	Development of Jashpur- Kunkuri- Mainpat- Ambikapur- Maheshpur -Ratanpur- Kurdar-Sarodadadar- Gangrel- Kondagaon- NathiyaNawagaon- Jagdalpur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh.	99.00
15.	Development of Wayside Amenities (Sub- Scheme)	2018-19	Development of Wayside Amenities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at Varanasi-Gaya; Lucknow-Ayodhya- Lucknow; Gorakhpur- Kushinagar; Kushinagar- Gaya- Kushinaga in collaboration with MoRTH	17.93
16.	Goa	Coastal Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Sinquerim- Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and	99.99

			Aguada Jail.	
17.	Goa	Coastal Circuit/ 2017-18	Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek - Don Paula -Colva - Benaulim	99.35
18.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Ahmedabad- Rajkot- Porbandar –Bardoli- Dandi.	85.01
19.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Vadnagar- Modhera and Patan	98.61
20.	Gujarat	Buddhist circuit/ 2017-18	Development of Junagadh- GirSomnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	29.28
21.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra	97.35
22.	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit/ 2016-17	Integrated Development of Himalayan Circuit in Himachal Pradesh	86.85
23.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit/ 2016-17	Integrated Development of Jammu, Kashmir, Pehalgam, Kargil, Leh	82.97
24.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit/ 2016-17	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu- Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama.	96.38
25.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit/ 2016-17	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities under the Construction of Assets in lieu of those Destroyed in Floods in 2014 under PM Development Package for J&K	90.96
26.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit/ 2016-17	Integrated Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai- Sudhmahadev- Patnitop	97.82
27.	Jammu & Kashmir			87.44

28.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit/	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at	96.93
		2016-17	Gulmarg-Baramulla-Kupwara- Leh	
29.	Jharkhand	Eco Circuit/ 2018-19	Development of Dalma- Chandil- Getalsud- Betla national park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	52.72
30.	Kerala	Eco Circuit/ 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi- Vagamon- Thekkady	76.55
31.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam	99.99
32.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of SreePadmanabhaArnamula- Sabrimala	92.22
33.	Kerala	Rural Circuit/ 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	80.37
34.	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit/ 2015-16	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna- Mukundpur- Sanjay- Dubri-Bandhavgarh- Kanha- Mukki- Pench	92.22
35.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Sanchi- Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar	74.94
36.	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu	92.97
37.	Madhya Pradesh	Eco Circuit/ 2017-18	Development of Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River	99.62
38.	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit/ 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit (Shiroda Beach, Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Devgad (Fort & Beach), Mitbhav, Tondavali,	82.17

			Mocehmad and Nivati Fort)	
39.	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit/ 2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh- Telankhandi- Girad	54.01
40.	Manipur	North- East Circuit/ 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal- Khongjom	72.23
41.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri BijoyGovindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple	53.80
42.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Umium (Lake View), U LumSohpetbneng- Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort	99.13
43.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit/ 2018-19	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- KremTirot - Khudoi&Kohmang Falls – Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmang- looksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, KattaBeel, Siju Caves)	84.97
44.	Mizoram	North East Circuit/ 2015-16	Integrated Development of Thenzawl& South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek.	94.91
45.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Eco- Adventure Circuit Aizawl - Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Durtlang – Chatlang- Sakawrhmuituaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang	99.07
46.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit/ 2015-16	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima- Wokha	97.36
	Nagaland	Tribal	Development of	99.67

		circuit/ 2016-17	Mokokchung-Tuensang-Mon	
48.	Odisha	Coastal circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82
49.	Puducherry	Coastal Circuit/ 2015-16	Development of Dubrayapet – Arikamedu – Veerampattinam – Chunnambar - Nallavadu/Narambai – Manapet- Kalapet - Puducherry - Yanam	85.28
50.	Puducherry	Heritage Circuit/ 2017-18	Development of Heritage Circuit in Puducherry	66.35
51.	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit/ 2017-18	Development of Puducherry – Thirukanch- Karaikal- Yanam	40.68
52.	Punjab	Heritage Circuit/ 2018-19	Development of Anandpur Sahib – Fatehgarh Sahib – Chamkaur Sahib – Ferozpur – Amritsar – Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour - Patiala	99.95
53.	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit/ 2015-16	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations	63.96
54.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit/ 2016-17	Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), KhatuShyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	91.45
55.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Churu (SalasarBalaji)– Jaipur (Shri SamodeBalaji, Ghat keBalaji, BandhekeBalaji)- Alwar (PandupoleHanumanji, Bharathari)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) – MehandipurBalaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)	93.90
56.	Rajasthan	Heritage Circuit/	Development of Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort)- Jaipur	90.92

		2017-18	(Nahargarh Fort)- Alwar (BalaQuila)– SawaiMadhopur (Ranthambore Fort and Khandar Fort)– Jhalawar (Gagron Fort)– Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) Jaisalmer (JaisalmerFort) Hanumangarh (Kalibangan, Bhatner Fort and Gogamedi)- Jalore (Jalore Fort)- Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra)- Dholpur (Bagh-i-Nilofar and PuraniChawni)–	
			Nagaur(Meera Bai Smarak)	
	Sikkim	Circuit/ 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit linking Rangpo (entry) – Rorathang- Aritar- Phadamchen- Nathang- Sherathang- Tsongmo- Gangtok-Phodong- Mangan- Lachung-Yumthang- Lachen- Thangu-Gurudongmer- Mangan- Gangtok- TuminLingee- Singtam (exit)	98.05
58.	Sikkim	North East Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam– Maka- Temi-BermoikTokel- Phongia- Namchi –Jorthang- Okharey- Sombaria-Daramdin- Jorethang- Melli (Exit)	95.32
59.	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of (Chennai- Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	74.58
60.	Telangana	Eco Circuit/ 2015-16	Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district	91.62
61.	Telangana	Tribal Circuit/ 2016-17	Integrated Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram- Medavaram- Tadvai- Damaravi- Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls	83.88
62.	Telangana	Heritage Circuit/	Development of Heritage Circuit: QutubShahi Heritage	99.42

		2017-18	Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb	
63.	Tripura	North East Circuit/ 2015-16	Development of North East Circuit: Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur- Tirthamukh- Mandirghat– Dumboor- NarikelKunja- Gandachara– Ambassa	99.59
64.	Tripura	North East circuit/ 2018-19	Development of SurmaCherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati- Bhunaneshwari- Matabari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chottakhola- Pilak- Avangchaarra	65.00
65.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, &Kapilwastu	99.97
66.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45
67.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Shahjahanpur-Basti- Ahar- Aligharh-Kasgunj-Sarosi- Pratapgarh-Unnao- Kaushambi- Mirzapur- Gorakpur- Kairana- DoamrFiyagunj- Bagpat- Barabanki- Azamgarh	68.39
68.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi	63.77
69.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- MarharDham (SantKabir Nagar)- ChauriChaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- MavaharSthal (Ghosi)-	34.82

			Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)	
70.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit/ 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	133.31
71.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit/ 2018-19	Development of Jewar- Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida- Khurja-Banda	14.52
72.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit/ 2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple(Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	21.16
73.	Uttarakhand	Eco Circuit/ 2015-16	Development of Circuit at Tehri-Chamba- Sarain around Tehri Lake.	70.92
74.	Uttarakhand	Heritage circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region – Katarmal –Jogeshwar- Baijnath-Devidhura	79.13
75.	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit/ 2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj- Bakkhlai- Henry Island	85.39
	1		Total	5881.00

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