

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†125
ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021**

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN BIHAR

**†125. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop and promote tourism in Bihar;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the schemes implemented or being implemented by the Central Government to promote tourism in Bihar;**
- (c) the names of places identified for this purpose along with the total amount allocated/utilized for the development and upgradation of the identified tourist places during the last three years;**
- (d) whether any proposal has been received from the State Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Union Government is incurring the whole cost on the implementation of these tourism projects or the same is being done on sharing basis and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism promotes India as a holistic destination and as part of its on-going activities, releases domestic and international print, electronic and online media campaigns under the 'Incredible India 'brand-line, to promote various tourism destinations and products of the Country including Bihar. Promotions are also undertaken through the Website and Social Media accounts of the Ministry. In addition, the India Tourism Offices in India and overseas undertake various promotional

activities with the objective of showcasing the tourism potential of the different States.

Ministry of Tourism, Government of India provides financial assistance under its schemes such as Swadesh Darshan , National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD), Central Finance (CFA) Assistance to State / Union Territory Administrations for overall promotion and development of infrastructure of tourism in the country. The projects under the schemes are identified 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.

(d): The information pertaining to projects sanctioned for the state of Bihar is given in Annexure.

(e): Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Ministry of Tourism is a central sector scheme.

PRASHAD Scheme is 100% GOI funded Central Sector Scheme.

Subject to the scheme guidelines, Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance upto Rs.50 Lacs per financial year to State Governments for organizing Fairs & Festivals.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†125 ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN BIHAR**

Projects sanctioned for the state of Bihar under Swadesh Darshan, National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and Assistance to Central Agencies Scheme & Domestic Promotion and Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Schemes.

Swadesh Darshan Scheme**(Amount in crore)**

S. No.	Name of Circuit & Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned (Rs.)	Amt. Released (Rs.)
1	Buddhist Circuit (2016-17)	Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	98.73	78.91
2	Spiritual circuit (2016-17)	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj- Mojma-Banka.	44.76	42.52
3	Spiritual Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Mandar Hill &Ang Pradesh.	47.52	38.02
4	Rural Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.65	35.72
5	Tirthankar circuit (2016-17)	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri.	37.19	26.19
6	Buddhist Circuit and Ramayana Circuit	Development of Wayside Amenities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at Varanasi-	17.93	12.29

	(2018-19)	Gaya; Lucknow- Ayodhya- Lucknow; Gorakhpur - Kushinagar; Kushinagar-Gaya- Kushinaga in collaboration with MoRTH		
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National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)

(Amount in crore)

Project Nos	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Approved cost (Rs.)	Amount Released (Rs.)
1	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	2014-15	4.27	2.91
2	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	41.54	33.23

List of fairs & festivals under Financial Assistance to State Government / Union Territory Administration for organising Fair and Festivals and Tourism Related event - during last three years in Bihar

(Rs. in Lakh)

Year	Name of Projects	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
2019-20	CFA for Organizing of Fairs and Festivals in the State of Bihar in the 2019-20. (i) Sonapur Fair & (ii) Rajgir Mahotsav	50.00	50.00
