

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3388
ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

DEVELOPMENT OF RAMAYANA CIRCUIT

†3388. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of development of tourism in the country especially in Sitamarhi of Bihar;**
- (b) the details of the amount allocated for the development of Ramayana circuit in Sitamarhi along with the amount spent, year-wise during the last three years;**
- (c) whether there is any proposal to construct magnificent temple at Punauraham, Sitamarhi like Ayodhya temple and to develop the area as tourist centre;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which Punauradham, Sitamarhi is likely to be developed in this way; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/UT Administration; However Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 76 projects for total amount of Rs.5588.45 Crore under Swadesh Darshan Scheme and 37 projects for total amount of Rs.1214.19 crore under 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive Scheme (PRASHAD)' across the country including Bihar. In addition, projects pertaining to development of tourism infrastructure for a total amount of Rs.483.1 Crore were also sanctioned during 2012-13 till now under 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme'.

Sanctioning of projects under the schemes is a continuous process. The projects are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/ UT 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. No project in Punauradham, Sitamarhi is under consideration in the Ministry of Tourism.
