

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1337
ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021**

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN SITAMARHI

†1337. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds released/spent for the development of tourism in Bihar particularly in Sitamarhi and the heads under which the funds have been spent; and
- (b) the progress made in the work of connecting Sitamarhi with Ramayana circuit till date?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations/ Central Agencies under its schemes 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD). In addition, financial assistance is also provided to Central Agencies for tourism infrastructure development. No project has been sanctioned in Sitamarhi under the above mentioned schemes. The details of the projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism in Bihar under 'Swadesh Darshan', 'PRASHAD' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for tourism infrastructure development' is as under:-

(Amount in Crore)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Sanctioned Amount	Released Amount
PRASHAD Scheme				
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
Swadesh Darshan Scheme				
3.	Development of Tirthankar Circuit-Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	2016-17	37.19	26.19
4.	Development of Spiritual Circuit-Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	2016-17	44.75	42.52
5.	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	2016-17	98.73	93.22
6.	Development of Rural Circuit: Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	2017-18	44.65	35.72
7.	Development of Spiritual Circuit - Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	2017-18	47.53	38.02
Assistance to Central Agencies				
8.	Development of Jetties at nine (09) main points of embarkation/dise embarkation of River Cruise on National Water ways No. 1& 2 (which includes 01 Jetty at Bhagalpur, Bihar)	2019-20	28.03 (This includes Rs.2.65 cr. (excluding GST) in Bhagalpur)	7.01
