

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. +1995  
ANSWERED ON 14.03.2022**

**DEVELOPMENT OF VIKRAMSHILA BOUDH MATH AS TOURISM CIRCUIT**

**+1995. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:**

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has agreed to the proposal for inclusion of Vikramshila Boudh Math as International religions tourism circuit and if so, the details of the application process;**
- (b) the details of the measures taken by the Government for the development of Vikramshila Boudh Math as International Tourism circuit during the last three years; and**
- (c) whether Vikramshila has already been included under Adarsh Smarak Scheme by the Government and if so, the details of the projects undertaken so far for the development of Vikramshila?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a) & (b): Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan scheme since its inception has sanctioned 76 projects under 13 thematic circuits including 'Buddhist theme' for development of tourism infrastructure in the country. The projects under the scheme were identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier etc. Vikramshila Boudh Math is not included in the projects sanctioned under the scheme.**

**(c): Archaeological Survey of India has not included Vikramshila Mahavihara in the list of Adarsh Smarak.**

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