

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3636
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INCLUSION OF RELIGIOUS SITES OF JHARKHAND UNDER SDS

†3636. SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many religious places of Jharkhand have been included under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme(SDS);**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism (MoT) under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) provides financial assistance to the States/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country including Jharkhand. The projects under the scheme are identified in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/central Agencies and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, receipt of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier etc. MoT has sanctioned one project ‘Development of Dalma- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat’ under Eco circuit theme of SDS in the state of Jharkhand, however religious sites are not included in this project.

MoT has now revamped its SDS as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations following a tourist & destination centric approach. No proposal has been received from the State Government of Jharkhand for development under SD 2.0 in line with the guidelines. However, this Ministry has sanctioned a project ‘Development of Baidyanathji Dham, Deoghar,’ for an amount of Rs. 39.13 in the year 2018-19 under ‘National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ Scheme in the state of Jharkhand.
