GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.116 ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024

SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME

116 SHRI BALYA MAMA SURESH GOPINATH MHATRE:
SHRI CHUDASAMA RAJESHBHAI NARANBHAI:
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of the Swadesh Darshan scheme and the details of projects executed under the scheme in the country, Statewise including Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of the number of tourists who arrived in India to visit Lord Buddha in Uttar Pradesh during the last one year;
- (c) the details of the number of tourists expected to arrive in India in the next five years;
- (d) whether the Government has prepared any roadmap to boost the tourism industry in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has any future plan to execute project under the said scheme in Bhiwandi Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism launched its Swadesh Darshan scheme (SDS) in the year 2014-15 with the objective to develop thematic circuits in the country and sanctioned 76 projects for Rs.5287.90 crore including 2 projects in Maharashtra, the details of which is at Annexure-I. Now the Ministry has revamped the scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0) with the vision to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations in the country and has identified 57 destinations for development under the scheme. Undertaking various initiatives to develop

and promote tourism in the country and sanctioning of projects in line with the scheme guidelines and policies is an ongoing process. Under SD 2.0, the Ministry has sanctioned 29 projects as per the details given at Annexure-II.

The tourism statistics of domestic and international tourist arrival at Buddhist sites of Uttar Pradesh in the year 2023 is at Annexure-III

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.116 ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024 REGARDING SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME BY SHRI BALYA MAMA SURESH GOPINATH MHATRE, SHRI CHUDASAMA RAJESHBHAI NARANBHAI, DR. RAJEEV BHARADWAJ, SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB, SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL AND MS KANGNA RANAUT.

Details of Projects Sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

S. No.	State/UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Crore)
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Long Island- Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair	
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2014-15	Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam - Kotipally	67.83
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake - Ubblamadugu Water Falls – Nelapattu- Kothakoduru- Mypadu - Ramateertham – Iskapalli	49.55
4.	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda - Amravati- Anupu	35.24
5.	Arunachal Pradesh	North- East Circuit 2014-15	Development of Bhalukpong- Bomdila and Tawang	49.77

6.	Arunachal Pradesh	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nafra- Seppa- Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys- Sangdupota- New Sagalee- Ziro- Yomcha	96.72
7.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Manas- Probitora- Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa	94.68
8.	Assam	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar	90.98
9.	Bihar	Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	33.96
10.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76
11.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	95.18
12.	Bihar	Rural Circuit 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.27
13.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	44.55
14.	Chhattisgarh	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Jashpur- Kunkuri- Mainpat- Kamleshpur - Maheshpur - Kurdar - Sarodhadadar- Gangrel- Kondagaon- Nathiyanawagaon- Jagdalpur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh	96.10

15.	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sinquerim- Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail	97.65
16.	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2017-18	Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek - Dona Paula -Colva - Benaulim	99.35
17.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahmedabad- Rajkot- Porbandar –Bardoli- Dandi	59.17
18.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vadnagar- Modhera	91.12
19.	Gujarat	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch- Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	26.68
20.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra	77.39
21.	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra, Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba	68.34
22.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Jammu- Srinagar-Pahalgam- Bhagwati Nagar-Anantnag- Salamabad Uri-Kargil-Leh	77.33
23.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri- Shopian-Pulwama.	81.60

24.	Jammu &	Himalayan	Development of Tourist	90.43
	Kashmir	Circuit	Facilities - Construction of	
			Assets in lieu of those	
		2016-17	Destroyed in Floods in 2014	
			under PM Development	
			Package	
25.	Jammu &	Himalayan	Development of Tourist	91.99
	Kashmir	Circuit	facilities at Mantalai and	
			Sudhmahadev	
		2016-17		
26.	Jammu &	Himalayan	Development of Tourist	86.39
	Kashmir	Circuit	facilities at Anantnag-	
			Pulwama-Kishtwar-	
		2016-17	Pahalgam-Zanskar Padum -	
			Daksum - Ranjit Sagar Dam	
27.	Jammu &	Himalayan	-	91.84
	Kashmir	Circuit	Facilities at Gulmarg-	
		2016-17	Baramulla- Kupwara- Kargil - Leh	
28.	Jharkhand	Eco	Development of Eco	30.44
		Circuit	Tourism circuit: Dalma- Betla National park-	
		2018-19	Mirchaiya- Netarhat	
20	Kerala		-	64.08
29.	Nerala	Eco Circuit	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-	64.08
		2015-16	Vagamon- Thekkady	
20	Kerala			46.54
30.	Refaia	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-	46.34
			Sannidhanam	
		2016-17		
31.	Kerala	Spiritual	Development of Sree	78.08
		Circuit	Padmanabha Arnamula	
		2016-17		
32.	Kerala	Rural	Development of Malanad	57.35
	-	Circuit	Malabar Cruise Tourism	
		2018-19	Project	

33.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania- Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam	66.42
34.	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna- Mukundpur- Sanjay- Dubri- Bandhavgarh- Kanha- Mukki- Pench	92.10
35.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sanchi- Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar	74.02
36.	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu	89.82
37.	Madhya Pradesh	Eco Circuit 2017-18	Development of Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River	93.76
38.	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06
39.	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad	45.47

40.	Manipur	North- East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal- Khongjom	72.23
41.	Manipur	NSpiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple	45.34
42.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2016-17	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng- Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort	99.13
43.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- KremTirot - Khudoi & Kohmang Falls - Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmang- looksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)	84.97
44.	Mizoram	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek.	92.26
45.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit 2016-17	Development of Eco- Adventure Circuit Aizawl - Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Chatlang- Sakawrhmuituaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawng - Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang	66.37

46.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima- Wokha	97.36
47.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mokokchung-Tuensang-Mon	98.14
48.	Odisha	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82
49.	Puducherry	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Dubrayapet - Arikamedu - Veerampattinam - Chunnambar - Nallavadu/Narambai - Manapet- Kalapet - Puducherry - Yanam	58.44
50.	Puducherry	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Franco- Tamil Village, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam	49.44
51.	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Spiritual Circuit in Puducherry	34.96
52.	Punjab	Heritage Circuit 2018-19	Development of Anandpur Sahib - Fatehgarh Sahib - Chamkaur Sahib - Ferozpur - Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour - Patiala	85.32
53.	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations	50.01
54.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	75.80

55.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Spiritual Circuit- 'Development of Churu (Salasar Balaji)- Jaipur (Shri Samodke Balaji, Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) - Mehndipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)	87.05
56.	Rajasthan	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Heritage Circuit Development of Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort) - Jaipur (Facade Illumination in Jaipur and Nahargarh Fort) -Jhalawar (Gagron Fort) - Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) - Jaisalmer (Jaisalmer Fort) - Hanumangarh (Gogamedi) - Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra) - Dholpur (Bagh-I- Nilofor and Purani Chawani) - Nagaur (Meera Bai Smarak, Merta) - Tonk (Sunehri Kothi)	70.61
57.	Sikkim	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit linking Rangpo (entry) – Rorathang- Aritar- Phadamchen- Nathang- Sherathang- Tsongmo- Gangtok-Phodong- Mangan- Lachung-Yumthang- Lachen- Thangu-Gurudongmer- Mangan- Gangtok- TuminLingee- Singtam (exit)	98.05

58.	Sikkim	North East Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam— Maka- Temi-BermoikTokel- Phongia- Namchi —Jorthang- Okharey- Sombaria- Daramdin- Jorethang- Melli (Exit)	95.32
59.	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of (Chennai- Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	73.13
60.	Telangana	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district	91.62
61.	Telangana	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mulugu- Laknavaram- Medavaram- Tadvai- Damaravi- Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls	79.87
62.	Telangana	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb	96.90
63.	Tripura	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur- Tirthamukh- Mandirghat- Dumboor- NarikelKunja- Gandachara- Ambassa	82.85
64.	Tripura	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of Surma Cherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati - Bhunaneshwari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chottakhola- Pilak- Avangchaarra	44.83
65.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	87.89

66.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45
67.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahar- Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh- Kausambi-Mirzapur- Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj- Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-	71.91
			Kairana- Baghpat- Shahjahanpur	
68.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur-	67.51
		2016-17	Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi	
69.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mahuar shaheed Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)	36.65
70.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21
71.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar- Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida- Khurja-Banda	12.03
72.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	18.30

73.	Uttarakhand	Eco Circuit	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, and Associated	69.17
		2015-16	Tourism Related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri	
74.	Uttarakhand	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region - Katarmal - Jogeshwar-Baijnath- Devidhura	76.32
75.	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj- Bakkhlai- Henry Island	67.99
76.	-	Wayside Amenities 2018-19	Development of Wayside Amenities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at Varanasi-Gaya; Kushinagar-Gaya- Kushinagar in collaboration with MoRTH	15.07
	<u> </u>	I	Total	5287.90

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Details of Projects Sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme

S. No.	State /UT	Destination	Interventions Name	Sanctioned Cost (In Rs.
				Crore)
1	Karnataka	Hampi	Setting up of 'Traveller nooks'	26.30
2	Karnataka	Mysuru	Tonga ride Heritage experience zone	4.12
3	Tamil Nadu	Mamallapuram	Immersive experience at Shore Temple	30.02
4	Telangana	Bhongir	Bhongir Fort Experiential Zone	56.81
5	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Phoolbagh Experience zone	16.73
6	Rajasthan	Bundi	Spiritual Experience, Keshoraipatan	17.37
7	Sikkim	Gangtok	Gangtok Cultural Village	22.59
8	Telangana	Ananathagiri	Eco tourism zone at Ananathgiri forest	38.00
9	Punjab	Kapurthala	Eco Tourism experience at Kanjili wetland	20.06
10	Puducherry UT	Karaikal	Karaikal beach and waterfront experience	20.29
11	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh	Rural Tourism Cluster Experience at Gunji	32.20
12	Uttarakhand	Champawat	Tea Garden Experience	11.21
13	Kerala	Kumarakom	Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary Experience	13.92
14	Meghalaya	Sohra	Meghalayan age Cave Experience	32.45
15	Andhra	Araku-	Borra Cave	29.87

	Pradesh	Lambasingi	Experience at Araku	
16	Karnataka	Mysuru	Ecological Experience Zone	18.36
17	Arunachal Pradesh	Mechuka	Mechuka Cultural Haat	18.48
18	Assam	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar Wetland Experience	26.67
19	Assam	Jorhat	Reimagining Cinnamara Tea Estate	23.91
20	Madhya Pradesh	Chitrakoot	Spritual experience through ghats of Chitrakoot	27.21
21	Sikkim	Gyalshing	Eco-Wellness Experience at Yuksom Cluster	15.40
22	Arunachal Pradesh	Nacho	Unlock Nacho Expedition	14.02
23	Uttar Pradesh	Naimisharanya	Vedic- wellness Experience	15.94
24	Arunachal Pradesh	Mechuka	Mechuka Adventure Park	12.75
25	Ladakh UT	Leh	Julley Leh Biodiversity Park	24.89
26	Ladakh UT	Kargil	Exploring LOC and Hundarman village Experience	12.01
27	Meghalaya	Sohra	Waterfall Trails experience	27.84
28	Uttar Pradesh	Prayagraj	Azad Park and Dekho Prayagraj Trail Experience	13.02
29	Nagaland	Chumoukedima	Tribal Cultural Experience at Midway Retreat	21.56
	644.00			

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TOURIST VISITS IN UTTAR PRADESH BUDDHIST SITES IN YEAR- 2023

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S. No.	TOURIST PLACE	INDIAN	FOREIGN	TOTAL	
1	SARNATH	1110593	24411	1135004	
2	KUSHINAGAR	1928153	214253	2142406	
3	KAPILVASTU (PIPRAHWA)	59528	10478	70006	
4	SHRAVASTI	55865	0	55865	
5	KAUSHAMBI	1252600	261	1252861	
6	SANKISA	38578	2293	40871	
	TOTAL	4445317	251696	4697013	
