

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2079
ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024**

AGRI TOURISM

2079 DR. K SUDHAKAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has data regarding any major tourism projects at Chikkaballapur Lok Sabha constituency, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has any schemes to promote agri tourism in the country, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard;**
- (c) whether Chikkaballapur is being considered as an agri tourism cluster, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) if not, complete details of the new projects of the Government for Karnataka State; and**
- (e) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to develop a sustainable tourism model across the country so that tourist places remain clean and tourist friendly?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan scheme sanctioned 76 projects for Rs.5287.90 crore under identified thematic circuits including Rural Circuit theme and Eco Tourism theme and 46 projects for Rs.1621.40 crore in 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' scheme in the country in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, the details of which are annexed.

The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, following a destination & tourism-

centric approach and the scheme encourages adoption of principles of sustainable tourism including environmental sustainability, socio-cultural sustainability and economic sustainability. In consultation with the States/UTs and in line with the scheme guidelines, the Ministry has accordingly identified 57 destinations in the country for development under SD 2.0 including ‘Hampi’ & ‘Mysuru’ in Karnataka and has sanctioned following projects at these destinations:-

Destination	Interventions Name	Cost (In ₹ crore)
Hampi	Setting up of ‘Traveller nooks’	26.30
Mysuru	“Tonga ride Heritage experience zone”	4.12
Mysuru	“Ecological Experience Zone”	18.36

Further, the Ministry of Tourism has also issued guidelines for ‘Challenge Based Destination Development’ (CBDD), a sub-scheme under Swadesh Darshan 2.0, under which the Ministry of Tourism has identified 42 destinations for development in the country in 4 categories including ‘Bidar’ under Culture & Heritage and ‘Udupi’ in Ecotourism & Amrit Dharohar Sites category in the State of Karnataka.

The Ministry of Tourism under its ‘Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme has sanctioned a project ‘Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple’ for Rs.45.71 crore in 2023-24 and has identified ‘Sri Renuka Yallamma Temple’ and ‘Papnash Temple’ in the State of Karnataka.

A ‘National Strategy and Roadmap for Development of Rural Tourism’ in India, a ‘National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism’ and ‘National Strategy for Eco-Tourism’ have been formulated and National Board for sustainable tourism has been constituted with various stakeholders including representation from the State Governments to guide the operationalization and implementation of various strategic initiative for development of Sustainable and Eco-Tourism in the country.

The Ministry has taken multiple initiatives for development of Rural Tourism in the country including the following:-

- i. 5 destinations viz. Kibitho (Arunachal Pradesh), Rakchham, Chhitkul (Himachal Pradesh), Gnathang Village (Sikkim), Mana Village (Uttarakhand) and Jadung (Uttarakhand) have been identified under CBDD in Vibrant Village Category for development of tourism.**

- ii. The rural tourism village portal (www.rural.tourism.gov.in) has been developed to showcase the potential of Rural Tourism in India.**
- iii. The Ministry of Tourism launched the Best Tourism Villages Competition to honour a village that best exemplifies a tourism destination with renowned cultural and natural assets, preserves and promotes community-based values, goods, and lifestyles, and has a clear commitment to sustainability.**
- iv. The Ministry of Tourism participates in the United Nations World Tourism Organization's (UNWTO) Best Tourism Villages Competition.**
- v. A Task Force for Development of Rural Tourism has also been constituted comprising of representatives from identified Central Ministries/State Governments/UT Administrations and Industry Stakeholders.**

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2079 ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024 REGARDING AGRITOURISM RAISED BY DR. K SUDHAKAR**

The list of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme is as under:-

(In ₹ crore)

Sl. No.	State/ UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Long Island- Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair	27.57
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	Development of Tezpur - Majuli - Sibsagar	90.98

		2016-17		
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- Nathyanawagaon- Jagdalpur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh	96.10
15.	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Siquerim- 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 - Benaullim	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- GirSomnath- 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 & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities - Construction of Assets in lieu of those Destroyed in Floods in 2014 under PM Development Package	90.43
25.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai and Sudhmahadev	91.99
26.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Anantnag-Pulwama-Kishtwar-Pahalgam-ZanskarPadum - Daksum - RanjitSagar Dam	86.39
27.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla- Kupwara- Kargil - Leh	91.84
28.	Jharkhand	Eco Circuit 2018-19	Development of Eco Tourism circuit: Dalma- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	30.44
29.	Kerala	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady	64.08

30.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam	46.54
31.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of SreePadmanabhaArnamula	78.08
32.	Kerala	Rural Circuit 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35
33.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development SivagiriSree Narayana Guru Ashram-Arruvipuram-KunnumparaSreeSubrahmania-ChembazhanthiSree 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- BhedaGhat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River	93.76
38.	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagarashwar, 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	Development of Tourist Circuit	72.23

		Circuit 2015-16	in Manipur: Imphal- Khongjom	
41.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri BijoyGovindajee 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 LumSohpetbneng- Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort	99.13
43.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- KremTiro – Khudoi&Kohmang Falls – Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmang- looksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, KattaBeel, 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- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - 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	Development of Dubrayapet –	58.44

		Circuit 2015-16	Arikamedu – Veerampattinam – Chunnambar - Nallavadu/Narambai - Manapet- Kalapet - Puducherry - Yanam	
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), KhatuShyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	75.80
55.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Spiritual Circuit- 'Development of Churu (SalasarBalaji)-Jaipur (Shri SamodkeBalaji, GhatkeBalaji, BandhekeBalaji)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) - MehndipurBalaji- 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) –	70.61

			Jaisalmer (Jaisalmer Fort) - Hanumangarh (Gogamedi) - Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra) - Dholpur (Bagh-I-Nilofor and PuraniChawani) - Nagaur (Meera Bai Smarak, Merta) - Tonk (SunehriKothi)	
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 QutubShahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb	96.90
63.	Tripura	North East Circuit	Development of Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur	82.85

		2015-16	- Amarpur- Tirthamukh- Mandirghat- Dumboor- NarikelKunja- Gandachara- Ambassa	
64.	Tripura	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of SurmaCherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati - Bhunaneshwari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chottakhola- Pilak- Avangchaarra	44.83
65.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sravasti, 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-Kairana- Baghpat- Shahjahanpur	71.91
68.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balialia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi	67.51
69.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- MagharDham (SantKabir Nagar)- ChauriChaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- MahuarshaheedSthal (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 2015-16	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, and Associated Tourism Related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri	69.17
74.	Uttarakhand	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region - Katarmal -Jogeshwar-Bajnath-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
Total				5287.90

The list of the projects sanctioned under PRASHAD scheme is as under:-

(In ₹ crore)

State/UT	S.No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost
Andhra Pradesh	1	Development of Pilgrim Amenities at Amaravati	2015-16	27.77
	2	Development of Srisailam Temple	2017-18	43.08

	3	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami VariDevasthanam at Simhachalam	2022-23	54.04
Arunachal Pradesh	4	Development of ParshuramKund	2020-21	37.88
Assam	5	Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Kamakhya Temple	2015-16	29.80
Bihar	6	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	41.54
	7	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple	2014-15	3.63
Chhattisgarh	8	Development of Pilgrimage amenities at MaaBamleshwari Devi Temple	2020-21	48 .44
Gujarat	9	Development of Dwarka	2016-17	13.08
	10	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	2016-17	45.36
	11	Development of Promenade at Somnath	2018-19	47.12
	12	Development of Pilgrim Plaza with Queue management complex at Somnath Gujarat	2021-22	49.97
	13	Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple	2022-23	50.00
Haryana	14	Development of Mata Mansa Devi Temple and Nada SahebGurudwara	2019-20	48.53
Jammu and Kashmir	15	Development at Hazratbal Shrine	2016-17	40.46
Jharkhand	16	Development of Baba BaidyaNathDham	2018-19	36.79
Karnataka	17	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple	2023-24	45.71
Kerala	18	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	45.19
Madhya Pradesh	19	Development of Amarkantak	2020-21	49.99
	20	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	43.93
Maharashtra	21	Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	42.18

Meghalaya	22	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Nongswalia Church, Nartiang Shakti Peeth, Aitnar Pool and Charantala Kali Temple	2020-21	29.29
Mizoram	23	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism at ChiteVang, Zuangtai, Reiek and Aizawl	2022-23	44.89
Nagaland	24	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Molungkimong, Noksen Church, Aizuto, Wokha and Kohima	2018-19	25.20
	25	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto	2022-23	18.18
Odisha	26	Infrastructure Development at Puri	2014-15	50.00
Punjab	27	Development of KarunaSagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	2015-16	6.40
	28	Development of Chamkaur Sahib	2021-22	31.57
Rajasthan	29	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64
Sikkim	30	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32
Tamil Nadu	31	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99
	32	Development of Velankanni	2016-17	4.86
Telangana	33	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple	2020-21	38.90
	34	Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple	2022-23	62.00
	35	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam	2022-23	41.38
Tripura	36	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple	2020-21	37.80
Uttar Pradesh	37	Development of Varanasi – Phase –I	2015-16	18.73
	38	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist	2014-15	10.98

		Circuit (Ph-II)		
	39	Development of River Cruise Tourism at Varanasi	2017-18	9.02
	40	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan	2014-15	9.36
	41	Development of Varanasi – Phase II	2017-18	44.60
	42	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	2018-19	37.59
Uttarakhand	43	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.77
	44	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham	2018-19	56.15
	45	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities at Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham	2021-22	54.36
West Bengal	46	Development of Belur Math	2016-17	30.03
		Total		1621.14
