

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2289
ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024**

PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE

2289 SHRI K E PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has outlined any specific measures to preserve and enhance the cultural and natural resources of the States;**
- (b) if so, the details of these measures and in which manner they will support local tourism development; and**
- (c) the proposals received by the Government to address the major challenges faced by the State tourism industry and to promote sustainable tourism, State-wise?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism has formulated National Strategies for Ecotourism and Sustainable Tourism and initiated Travel for LiFE programme to promote sustainable tourism in the country and to encourage the tourists and tourism businesses to adopt sustainable tourism practices and mindful consumption of tourism resources, including cultural and natural heritage.

To create awareness among the masses the Ministry celebrates special events/days with citizen's participation like International Day of Yoga, regional festivals etc. Ministry of Tourism also provides financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations for organizing fairs/festivals & tourism related events under Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme.

For the purpose of encouraging preservation of heritage properties such as palaces/castles/forts/havelies/hunting lodges/residence of any size built prior to 1950 (1935 for Heritage Grand/Classic category) by

converting these to hotels, the Ministry of Tourism has a voluntary scheme for classification of hotels under the Heritage category as per the criteria outlined in the extant Guidelines.

Ministry of Tourism under its “National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)” provides financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related infrastructure development at identified pilgrimage/heritage destinations.

The Ministry of Tourism launched its Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) in the year 2014-15 with the objective to augment tourism facilities in the country thereby promoting culture and heritage of the country, enhancing tourist attractiveness in a sustainable manner, creating awareness among the local communities about the importance of tourism, creating employment through active involvement of local communities etc. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 76 projects in the country under identified themes including 10 Heritage theme circuits under SDS. The details of these projects are at Annexure-I.

The Ministry of Tourism has recently 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. Ministry of Tourism has till now sanctioned 29 projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme. Details of these sanctioned projects are at Annexure-II.

Additionally, Some of the State Governments and UT Administrations have granted industry status to the hospitality and tourism industry viz Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Kerala, West Bengal, Punjab, Goa, Uttarakhand, etc., giving access to benefits including power tariff and other taxes at industrial rates against the earlier requirement of payment at higher commercial rates. The tourism industry gives representations to the Ministry of Tourism for various issues from time to time, which are taken up for resolution in coordination with other line Ministries/ State Governments/ UT Administrations.

Further, there are 3697 protected monuments/sites of national importance with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Conservation and maintenance of these monuments is a regular phenomenon undertaken by ASI as per the requirement of the site and availability of resources.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2289 ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024 REGARDING PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES RAISED BY SHRI K E PRAKASH.

List of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

S. No.	State/ UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
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	22.13
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2014-15	Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam - Kotipally	67.83	67.83
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake - Ubblamadugu Water Falls - Nelapattu- Kothakoduru- Mypadu - Ramateertham - Iskapalli	49.55	49.55
4.	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda - Amravati- Anupu	35.24	30.03
5.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit	Development of Bhalukpong- Bomdila and Tawang	49.77	47.28

		2014-15			
6.	Arunachal Pradesh	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nafra- Seppa- Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys- Sangdupota- New Sagalee- Ziro- Yomcha	96.72	91.88
7.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Manas- Probitora- Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa	94.68	89.94
8.	Assam	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tezpur - Majuli - Sibsagar	90.98	90.97
9.	Bihar	Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	33.96	30.04
10.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj - Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76	42.52
11.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	95.18	95.18
12.	Bihar	Rural Circuit 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.27	40.31
13.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	44.55	42.32
14.	Chhattisgarh	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Jashpur- Kunkuri- Mainpat- Kamleshpur - Maheshpur -Kurdar - Sarodhadadar-	96.10	94.23

			Gangrel- Kondagaon- Nathyanawagaon- Jagdapur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh		
15.	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail	97.65	97.65
16.	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2017-18	Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek - Dona Paula -Colva - Benaulim	99.35	99.35
17.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahmedabad- Rajkot- Porbandar -Bardoli- Dandi	59.17	56.21
18.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vadnagar- Modhera	91.12	87.25
19.	Gujarat	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch- Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	26.68	22.28
20.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra	77.39	76.74
21.	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra, Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba	68.34	64.54
22.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Development of Jammu-Srinagar- Pahalgam-Bhagwati	77.33	67.37

		2016-17	Nagar-Anantnag-Salamabad Uri-Kargil-Leh		
23.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama.	81.60	67.35
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	74.70
25.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai and Sudhmahadev	91.99	91.92
26.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Anantnag-Pulwama-Kishtwar-Pahalgam-Zanskar Padum - Daksum - Ranjit Sagar Dam	86.39	69.95
27.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla-Kupwara- Kargil - Leh	91.84	82.16
28.	Jharkhand	Eco Circuit 2018-19	Development of Eco Tourism circuit: Dalma- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	30.44	28.04
29.	Kerala	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi- Vagamon-Thekkady	64.08	64.08
30.	Kerala	Spiritual	Development of	46.54	33.39

		Circuit 2016-17	Sabarimala - Erumeli- Pampa-Sannidhanam		
31.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamura	78.08	73.77
32.	Kerala	Rural Circuit 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35	45.88
33.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania- Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam	66.42	42.01
34.	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna- Mukundpur- Sanjay- Dubri- Bandhavgarh- Kanha- Mukki- Pench	92.10	86.31
35.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sanchi-Satna-Rewa- Mandsaur-Dhar	74.02	72.75
36.	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gwalior - Orchha - Khajuraho - Chanderi - Bhimbetka - Mandu	89.82	89.49
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	93.76	93.59

			River		
38.	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06	18.10
39.	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa-Dhapewada-Paradsingha-Telankhandi- Girad	45.47	43.19
40.	Manipur	North-East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Khongjom	72.23	61.32
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	45.33
42.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2016-17	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng-Mawdiangdiang - Orchid Lake Resort	99.13	99.11
43.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw-KremTiro - Khudo - Kohmang Falls - Khri River-Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmang-looksi), Garo Hills	84.97	84.96

			(Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)		
44.	Mizoram	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek.	92.26	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	53.09
46.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren-Kohima- Wokha	97.36	97.36
47.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mokokchung-Tuensang-Mon	98.14	98.14
48.	Odisha	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82	67.28
49.	Puducherry	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Dubrayapet – Arikamedu – Veerampattinam – Chunnambar - Nallavadu/Narambai - Manapet- Kalapet - Puducherry - Yanam	58.44	58.44
50.	Puducherry	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Franco- Tamil Village, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam	49.44	45.70
51.	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit in Puducherry	34.96	31.40

		2017-18			
52.	Punjab	Heritage Circuit 2018-19	Development of Anandpur Sahib - Fatehgarh Sahib - Chamkaur Sahib - Ferozpur - Khatkar Kalan - Kalanour - Patiala	85.32	81.05
53.	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations	50.01	50.01
54.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	75.80	73.85
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	72.23
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	70.61	66.99

			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)		
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	97.41
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	95.32
59.	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of (Chennai-Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	73.13	71.03
60.	Telangana	Eco	Development of Eco	91.62	91.25

		Circuit 2015-16	Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district		
61.	Telangana	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram- Medavaram- Tadvai- Damaravi- Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls	79.87	79.87
62.	Telangana	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb	96.90	70.61
63.	Tripura	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur- Tirthamukh- Mandirghat- Dumboor- NarikelKunja- Gandachara- Ambassa	82.85	77.76
64.	Tripura	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of Surma Cherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati - Bhunaneshwari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chottakhola- Pilak- Avangchaarra	44.83	35.25
65.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	87.89	72.56
66.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45	64.09
67.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Ahar-Aligarh-	71.91	69.63

		2016-17	Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh- Kausambi-Mirzapur- Gorakhpur- Domariyaganj-Basti- Barabanki- Azamgarh-Kairana- Baghpat- Shahjahanpur		
68.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi	67.51	64.14
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	32.27
70.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21	115.46
71.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri- Sikandrabad-Noida- Khurja-Banda	12.03	11.43
72.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur),	18.30	18.12

		2018-19	Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)		
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	69.17
74.	Uttarakhand	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region - Katarmal - Jogeshwar-Bairnath-Devidhura	76.32	68.91
75.	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur-Digha-Shankarpur-Tajpur-Mandarmani-Fraserganj-Bakkhlai-Henry Island	67.99	65.07
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	14.32
Total				5287.90	4944.47

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2289 ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024 REGARDING PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES RAISED BY SHRI K E PRAKASH.

List of sanctioned projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0

Sn	State /UT	Destination	Interventions Name	Sanctioned Cost (In 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 Pradesh	Araku-Lambasingi	Borra Cave Experience at Araku	29.87
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	Spiritual 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
			Total	644.00
