GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3714 ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN BARABANKI

3714. SHRI TANUJ PUNIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plans or received any proposal to promote tourism in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh in view of the huge potential for development of tourism there;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of financial assistance being provided/proposed to be provided for development of tourism in Barabanki District, Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) the manner in which the said amount has been utilized/proposed to be utilised; and
- (e) the details of steps being taken by the Government to promote tourism in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products is primarily undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)', 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations including the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Ministry has revamped Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations following a destination & tourist centric approach.

The Government of India under the guidelines for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) for Development of Iconic Tourist Centres has approved two projects in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Details of projects sanctioned under the aforesaid schemes for the State of Uttar Pradesh are Annexed.

Receiving proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations/Central Agencies for financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3714 ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025 REGARDING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN BARABANKI RAISED BY SHRI TANUJ PUNIA

(i) List of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Uttar Pradesh

(Amount in ₹ crore)

S. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctio ned	Amount Released/ Authorised	Amount Utilised	Physical Status (%)
1.	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	87.89	72.56	68.43	Complete
2.	Ramayan a Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45	64.09	56.03	Complete
3.	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahar- Aligarh- Kasganj- Sarosi (Unnao)- Pratapgarh- Kausambi- Mirzapur- Gorakhpur- Domariyaganj- Basti- Barabanki- Azamgarh- Kairana- Baghpat- Shahjahanpur	71.91	69.63	69.63	Complete
4.	Spiritual	Development of	67.51	64.14	63.62	Complete

	Circuit 2016-17	Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi				
5.	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	36.65	36.65	Complete
6.	Ramayan a Circuit 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21	115.46	113.22	Complete
7.	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri- Sikandrabad- Noida-Khurja- Banda	12.03	11.43	11.69	Complete
8.	Spiritual	Development of	18.30	18.12	18.12	Complete

Circuit	Gorakhnath	
2018-19	Temple	
	(Gorakhpur),	
	Devipattan	
	Temple	
	(Balrampur)	
	and Vatvashni	
	Temple	
	(Domariyagunj)	

^{*} Includes amount of authorization to CNA through TSA Model I for Central Sector Scheme.

(ii) Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 in the State of Uttar Pradesh

(Amount in ₹ crore)

S. No.	Destination	Name of the Experience	Date of Sanction	Sanctioned Cost
1	Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh)	Azad Park and DekhoPrayagraj Trail Exp	05-03-2024	13.02
2	Naimisaranya (Uttar Pradesh)	Vedic- wellness Experience	05-03-2024	15.94

(iii). List of Project sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in the State Uttar Pradesh

(Amount in ₹ crore)

S. No	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released / Authorised*	_	Financial Progress %
1	Development of Varanasi –Phase –I	2015-16	18.73	18.73	100%	100%
2	Development of Mathura- Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98	10.98	100%	100%
3	Development of River Cruise Tourism at Varanasi	2017-18	9.02	9.02	100%	100%
4	Construction of Tourist	2014-15	9.36	9.36	100%	100%

S. No	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released / Authorised*	_	Financial Progress %
	Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan					
5	Development of Varanasi – Phase II	2017-18	44.60	31.77	100%	71%
6	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	2018-19	37.59	30.97	100%	78%

^{*} Includes amount of authorization to CNA through TSA Model I for Central Sector Scheme.

(iv). List of Projects sanctioned under 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' Scheme in the State Uttar Pradesh

(Amount in ₹ crore)

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Sanction Date	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1	Illumination of monuments in Varanasi/Sarnath (Dhamekh Stupa in SarnathChaukhandi Stupa in Sarnath, Tomb of Lalkan in Sarnath and Man Mahal in Banaras).	28-02-2015	512.43	381.47
2	Illumination of three monuments in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh- 1. Dashashwamedh Ghat to Darbhanga Ghat (stretch of 300 m) 2. Tulsi Manas Mandir 3. Sarnath Museum	21-12-2017	293.55	293.55

(v) List of Projects sanctioned in the State of Uttar Pradesh under the Scheme for 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI Scheme) - Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale'

(Amount in ₹ crore)

S.	Name of the Project	Sanction	Amount
No.		Year	Sanctioned
1	Development of Bateshwar in District-Agra	2024-25	74.05
2	Integrated Buddhist Tourism Development in	2024-25	80.24
	Shrawasti		
