

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2522
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025**

DEVELOPMENT OF RAMAYANA AND BUDDHIST CIRCUIT

†2522. SMT. LOVELY ANAND:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of development of Ramayana Circuit and Buddhist Circuit in Bihar under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;**
- (b) whether the Government has any comprehensive plan to develop Sitamarhi, which is located near Sheohar Lok Sabha Constituency and believed to be the birthplace of Mata Sita, as a major pilgrimage site in the Ramayana Circuit; and**
- (c) the details of the amount of funds allocated and utilized during the last three years and the current year for improving tourism facilities and infrastructure in the said circuits?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Development of various tourist destinations and tourism products is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/ Union Territory Administration (UTA). However, in order to complement these efforts of tourism infrastructure development and experiences, the Ministry of Tourism launched its Swadesh Darshan scheme (SDS) in 2014-15 under identified thematic circuits including Ramayana Circuit and Buddhist Circuit. Accordingly, under SDS, a total of 76 projects were sanctioned in the country including Bihar.

One Project namely, “Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya” sanctioned in 2016-17 in Bihar under Swadesh Darshan Scheme is reported as physically complete. Further, no project under Ramayana Circuit in Bihar has been sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

Thereafter, Ministry of Tourism has revamped the Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations in the country, adopting a destination and tourist-centric approach in place of the earlier circuit-based framework.

The details of the projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism in the country under Swadesh Darshan scheme along-with amount of funds allocated and utilized are annexed.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2522 ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RAMAYANA AND BUDDHIST CIRCUIT RAISED BY SMT. LOVELY ANAND

The list of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme

S. No .	State/UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (₹ Crore)	Amount Released / Authorised (₹ Crore)	Amount Utilised (₹Crore)
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	22.08
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2014-15	Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam – Kotipally	67.83	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	49.55
4.	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Buddhist Circuit:	35.24	30.02	30.02

			Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda - Amravati- Anupu			
5.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit 2014-15	Development of Bhalukpong- Bomdila and Tawang	49.77	47.28	47.28
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	91.88
7.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Manas- Probitora- Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa	94.68	94.68	94.68
8.	Assam	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar	90.98	90.97	90.97
9.	Bihar	Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	33.96	30.04	29.36
10	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76	42.52	42.17
11	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention	95.18	95.18	95.18

			Centre at Bodhgaya			
12	Bihar	Rural Circuit 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa-Chandrahia-Turkaulia	44.27	40.31	40.31
13	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	44.55	42.32	42.32
14	Chhattisgarh	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Jashpur-Kunkuri-Mainpat-Kamleshpur - Maheshpur - Kurdar - Sarodhadadar-Gangrel-Kondagaon-Nathiyana-wagon-Jagdalpur-Chitrakoot-Tirthgarh	96.10	94.23	94.23
15	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail	97.65	97.65	97.50
16	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2017-18	Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek - Dona Paula - Colva - Benaulim	99.35	99.35	97.74
17	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahmedabad-Rajkot-Porbandar – Bardoli- Dandi	59.17	56.21	55.52

18	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vadnagar-Modhera	91.12	87.25	85.63
19	Gujarat	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	26.68	22.28	19.96
20	Haryana	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra	77.39	76.74	76.74
21	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra, Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba	68.34	64.55	62.57
22	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Jammu- Srinagar- Pahalgam- Bhagwati Nagar- Anantnag- Salamabad Uri- Kargil-Leh	77.33	67.37	59.30
23	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri- Shopian- Pulwama.	81.60	67.35	59.41

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	74.7	67.07
25	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai and Sudhmahadev	91.99	91.93	91.93
26	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Anantnag-Pulwama-Kishtwar-Pahalgam-Zaskar Padum - Daksum - Ranjit Sagar Dam	86.39	69.95	63.25
27	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla-Kupwara- Kargil - Leh	91.84	85.80	84.93
28	Jharkhand	Eco Circuit 2018-19	Development of Eco Tourism circuit: Dalma-Betla National park- Mirchaiya-Netarhat	30.44	30.44	28.04
29	Kerala	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi- Vagamon-Thekkady	64.08	64.08	64.08

30	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam	46.54	33.39	36.27
31	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula	78.08	73.77	68.98
32	Kerala	Rural Circuit 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35	45.88	36.34
33	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram-Arruvipuram-Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania-Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam	66.42	42.01	34.21
34	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna-Mukundpur-Sanjay- Dubri-Bandhavgarh-Kanha- Mukki-Pench	92.10	86.31	86.31
35	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar	74.02	72.75	72.75
36	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu	89.82	89.49	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 River	93.76	93.59	93.59
38	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06	18.10	17.61
39	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad	45.47	43.19	38.84
40	Manipur	North-East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal- Khongjom	72.23	61.32	61.25
41	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon	45.34	45.33	43.04

			Temple – Shri Kaina Temple			
42	Meghalaya	North-East Circuit 2016-17	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng-Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort	99.13	99.11	99.11
43	Meghalaya	North-East Circuit 2018-19	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw-KremTiro – Khudoi&Kohman Falls – KhriRiver-Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmanglooks), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)	84.97	84.96	84.96
44	Mizoram	North-East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek.	92.26	92.26	92.26
45	Mizoram	Eco Circuit 2016-17	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl - Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Chatlang-Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawng -	66.37	53.09	53.09

			Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang			
46	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima- Wokha	97.36	97.36	92.49
47	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mokokchung- Tuensang-Mon	98.14	98.14	98.14
48	Odisha	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82	67.28	59.47
49	Puducherry	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Dubrayapet – Arikamedu – Veerampattina m – Chunnambar - Nallavadu /Narambai - Manapet- Kalapet - Puducherry - Yanam	58.44	58.44	58.44
50	Puducherry	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Franco- Tamil Village, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam	49.44	45.70	45.50
51	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Spiritual Circuit in Puducherry	34.96	31.40	31.40
52	Punjab	Heritage Circuit 2018-19	Development of Anandpur Sahib - Fatehgarh Sahib - Chamkaur Sahib - Ferozpur - Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour - Patiala	85.32	81.05	81.05

53	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations	50.01	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	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	75.03	75.03
56	Rajasthan	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Heritage Circuit Development of Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort) - Jaipur (Facade	70.61	66.99	66.99

			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)			
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	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	95.32
59	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of (Chennai-Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	73.13	71.03	71.03
60	Telangana	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district	91.62	91.25	91.25
61	Telangana	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram-Medavaram-Tadvai-Damaravi-Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls	79.87	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	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	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	32.21
65	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, &Kapilwastu	87.89	72.56	68.43
66	Uttar Pradesh	Ramaya na Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45	64.09	56.03
67	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahar-Aligarh- Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)- Pratapgarh- Kausambi- Mirzapur- Gorakhpur- Domariyaganj- Basti- Barabanki- Azamgarh-	71.91	69.63	69.63

			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	63.62
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	36.65	36.65
70	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21	115.46	113.22
71	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri- Sikandrabad- Noida-Khurja- Banda	12.03	11.43	11.69

72	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	18.30	18.12	18.12
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	69.17
74	Uttarakhand	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region - Katarmal - Jogeshwar-Bairjnath-Devidhura	76.32	68.91	68.91
75	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj- Bakkhilai- Henry Island	67.99	65.07	65.07

76 -	Wayside Circuit 2018-19	Development of Wayside Amenities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at Varanasi-Gaya; Kushinagar-Gaya- Kushinagar in collaboration with MoRTH	17.50	16.63	15.83
Total			5290.33	4964.75	4863.83
