

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.†\*104  
ANSWERED ON 07.12.2015**

**SPIRITUAL/RELIGIOUS TOURISM**

**†\*104.SHRI HARISH CHANDRA AL/AS HARISH DWIVEDI:  
SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:**

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop and beautify 'Spiritual/Religious Tourism' at holy places in the country including Ayodhya and Chitrakoot, under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive scheme;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard along with the details of religious sites identified for development under the aegis of the scheme, State/UT-wise including religious places of Uttar Pradesh;**
- (c) whether the Government has sanctioned funds for the promotion of religious tourism during the last three years and the current year; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and expenditure incurred thereon, State/UT-wise?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

**(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.**

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**(a) to (d): Ministry of Tourism has launched a new Plan Scheme 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive' (PRASAD) in the year 2014-15 for development and beautification of pilgrimage sites of the country.**

**State-wise list of 13 pilgrimage sites so far identified for development and beautification under the scheme is given below:**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Site</b>	<b>Name of the State</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Amaravati</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Kamakhya</b>	<b>Assam</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Gaya</b>	<b>Bihar</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Patna</b>	<b>-do-</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Dwarka</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Puri</b>	<b>Odisha</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Amritsar</b>	<b>Punjab</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Ajmer</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Kanchipuram</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Vellankanni</b>	<b>-do-</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Kedarnath</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Mathura</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Varanasi</b>	<b>-do-</b>

**Ministry of Tourism has launched another Plan Scheme "Swadesh Darshan" in 2014-15 for integrated development of theme based circuits. Under Swadesh Darshan twelve thematic circuits have been identified, including four religious/spiritual thematic circuits i.e. Buddhist Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Spiritual Circuit and Ramayana Circuit.**

**Details of funds sanctioned for development and promotion of tourism including religious tourism by the Ministry in the last three years is given at Annexure I. Details of funds sanctioned under PRASAD Scheme and Swadesh Darshan Scheme in 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as on 02.12.2015) are given at Annexures II and III respectively.**

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**ANNEXURE-I****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) AND (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.+\*104 ANSWERED ON 07.12.2015 REGARDING SPIRITUAL/RELIGIOUS TOURISM.****2012-2013****(Rs. in lakh)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the State</b>	<b>No. of Projects</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4	6278.73
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	16	6612.50
3.	Bihar	1	500.00
4.	Delhi	2	2461.91
5.	Goa	2	50.00
6.	Gujarat	1	486.75
7.	Himachal Pradesh	11	3029.88
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	25	11260.00
9.	Jharkhand	2	4885.71
10.	Kerala	6	7826.53
11.	Maharashtra	5	7914.79
12.	Manipur	7	3595.62
13.	Meghalaya	1	17.94
14.	Mizoram	3	49.15
15.	Madhya Pradesh	20	20989.75
16.	Nagaland	11	4556.66
17.	Odisha	2	61.30
18.	Punjab	2	50.00
19.	Sikkim	13	7020.18
20.	Tamil Nadu	2	2041.97
21.	Telangana	5	4191.34
22.	Uttar Pradesh	12	3486.15
23.	Uttarakhand	2	1297.47
24.	West Bengal	3	4694.46
	<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>103358.79</b>

**2013-2014****(Rs. in lakh)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the State</b>	<b>No. of Projects</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14	4532.02
	Combined Projects for Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	1	4588.80
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	11	7473.64

<b>3.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11109.85</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Delhi</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5768.98</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Haryana</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1487.25</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3371.52</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Jammu and Kashmir</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7618.54</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Jharkhand</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4065.63</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3228.71</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6795.18</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7234.84</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>46.90</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4711.16</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10021.29</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5222.01</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Odisha</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6543.08</b>
<b>18.</b>	<b>Puducherry</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4848.16</b>
<b>19.</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1038.86</b>
<b>20.</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5174.71</b>
<b>21.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10485.00</b>
<b>22.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3370.07</b>
<b>23.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13071.32</b>
<b>24.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21772.67</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>154080.19</b>

**2014-15**

**(Rs. in lakh)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the State</b>	<b>No. of Projects</b>	<b>Amount sanctioned</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9515.53</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8455.35</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3568.11</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4220.47</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>990.13</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Daman &amp; Diu</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>775.54</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>879.04</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Haryana</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>121.66</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Jammu and Kashmir</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>732.50</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5000.00</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14752.51</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4879.69</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3690.54</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5980.20</b>

<b>15.</b>	<b>Odisha</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6488.34</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4831.98</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>149.93</b>
<b>18.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5200.00</b>
<b>19.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>504.36</b>
<b>20.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3368.05</b>
<b>21.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>391.69</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>84495.62</b>

**Includes Projects relating to Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits (PIDDC), Human Resource Development (HRD), Fairs and Festivals & Rural Tourism.**

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**ANNEXURE-II****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) AND (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.+\*104 ANSWERED ON 07.12.2015 REGARDING SPIRITUAL/RELIGIOUS TOURISM.**

State-wise details of the funds sanctioned under PRASAD Scheme during the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as on 02.12.2015) is as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the State &amp; project</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>
	<b>BIHAR</b>		
<b>1.</b>	<b>Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>4.29</b>
	<b>UTTAR PRADESH</b>		
<b>2.</b>	<b>Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>14.93</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>9.36</b>
	<b>ODISHA</b>		
<b>4.</b>	<b>Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham- Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>50.00</b>
	<b>PUNJAB</b>		
<b>5.</b>	<b>Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>6.45</b>
	<b>RAJASTHAN</b>		
<b>6.</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>40.44</b>
	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>		
<b>7.</b>	<b>Development of amaravati Town, Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh as Tourist Destination</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>28.36</b>
	<b>Assam</b>		
<b>8.</b>	<b>Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati.</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>33.98</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>187.81</b>

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**ANNEXURE-III****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) AND (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.+\*104 ANSWERED ON 07.12.2015 REGARDING SPIRITUAL/RELIGIOUS TOURISM.**

State-wise details of funds sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan during 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as on 02.12.2015) is as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Name of the Circuit</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Coastal Circuit</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World class coastal &amp; Eco Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>69.83</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>North-East India Circuit</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>Bhalukpong-Bomdila-Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Buddhist Circuit</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>Cultural Centre, Bodhgaya</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>33.17</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>North-East India Circuit</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Moirang-Khongjom-Moreh</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>89.66</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>North-East India Circuit</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>Development of Tourist Circuit linking - Rangpo (entry) - Rorathang - Aritar - Phadamchen - Nathang - Sherathang - Tsongmo - Gangtok - Phodong - Mangan - Lachung - Yumthang - Lachen - Thangu - Gurudongmer - Mangan - Gangtok - Tumin Lingee - Singtam (exit) in Sikkim</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>98.05</b>

<b>6</b>	<b>Eco Circuit</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake &amp; Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri, Uttarakhand</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>80.37</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Desert Circuit</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations under Desert Circuit in Swadesh Darshan Scheme</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>63.96</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Tribal Circuit</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Development of Tribal Circuit Peren –Kohima-Wokha, Nagaland</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>97.36</b>
			<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>582.40</b>

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