

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1188
ANSWERED ON 07.12.2015**

DEVELOPMENT OF PURANIC CHAKRA TEERTH

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government develops the world renowned pilgrimages in the country as tourist sites and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government also intends to announce the world famous Puranic Chakra Teerth at Naimisharanya situated in Sitapur district in Uttar Pradesh as a tourist site;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be announced?**

ANSWER

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

(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:

Sl. No	Name of the Site	Name of the State
1.	Amaravati	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Kamakhya	Assam
3.	Gaya	Bihar
4.	Patna	-do-
5.	Dwarka	Gujarat
6.	Puri	Odisha

7.	Amritsar	Punjab
8.	Ajmer	Rajasthan
9.	Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu
10.	Vellankanni	-do-
11.	Kedarnath	Uttarakhand
12.	Mathura	Uttar Pradesh
13.	Varanasi	-do-

Identification of more destinations under the scheme is a continuous process, subject to availability of resources and adherence to scheme guidelines.

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.
