

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.152  
ANSWERED ON 30.11.2015**

**BEAUTIFICATION OF TOURIST PLACES**

**152. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated or proposed to formulate any plans for beautification of tourist places including historical places along with more infrastructural facilities all over the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the list of tourist places identified for this purpose, State-wise specially in Rajasthan; and**
- (d) the steps taken/being to be taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism has launched following two new plan schemes pursuant to the Budget 2014-15 announcements:**

- 1) Swadesh Darshan for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits around Specific Themes.**

**Twelve theme based circuits i.e. North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit and Ramayana Circuit have been identified for development under "Swadesh Darshan".**

- 2) National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) to beautify and improve the amenities and infrastructure at pilgrimage centres of all faiths.**

**Under PRASAD, initially thirteen cities have been identified namely Ajmer, Amritsar, Amravati, Dwarka, Gaya, Kamakhya, Kanchipuram, Kedarnath, Mathura, Patna, Puri, Varanasi and Velankanni.**

**The details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD schemes including for the State of Rajasthan during 2014-15 and 2015-16 are given in Annexure.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.152 ANSWERED ON 30.11.2015 REGARDING BEAUTIFICATION OF TOURIST PLACES.****The list of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan during 2014-15 and 2015-16 (till 24.11.2015)****(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</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>98.05</b>

			<b>Gangtok - Phodong - Mangan - Lachung - Yumthang - Lachen - Thangu - Gurudongmer - Mangan - Gangtok - Tumin Lingee - Singtam (exit) in Sikkim</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>Total</b>			<b>582.40</b>

**The State-wise details of the funds sanctioned under PRASAD Scheme during the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 (till 24.11.2015).**

**(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>Grand Total</b>		<b>125.47</b>

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