

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†78
ANSWERED ON 30.11.2015**

CREATION OF VARIOUS TOURIST CIRCUITS

**†78. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:
SHRI P.C. MOHAN:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Governments for the development of new tourist circuits;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon;**
- (c) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred by the Government in this regard during the last three years;**
- (d) whether a decision to constitute advisory committee has been taken to properly operate these circuits; and**
- (e) if so, the details of the process for the selection of members in the advisory committee?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan scheme in the year 2014-15 with a vision to develop theme based tourist circuits on the principles of high tourist value, competitiveness and sustainability in an integrated manner by synergizing efforts to focus on needs and concerns of all stakeholders to enrich tourist experience and enhance employment opportunities. The Ministry has initially identified following twelve thematic circuits for development under the scheme: 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.

(c): The details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme during 2014-15 and 2015-16 are annexed.

(d) and (e): As per the scheme guidelines a National Steering Committee (NSC) has been constituted to steer the Mission objectives and vision of the scheme. The NSC is chaired by the Hon'ble Minister for Tourism and has concerned Secretaries from 13 Ministries of the Government of India as members. The NSC enunciates the vision and chalk out the road map for the scheme, oversee all operations, steer, review and monitor overall performance of the scheme and reviews the proposed/ongoing projects periodically.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+78 ANSWERED ON 30.11.2015 REGARDING CREATION OF VARIOUS TOURIST CIRCUITS****Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan during 2014-15**

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	Circuit	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	North-East Circuit	Development of Mega Circuit at Bhalukpong-Bomdila and Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh	50.00
2.	Buddhist Circuit	Construction of Cultural Centre adjacent to Maya Sarovar on the western side at Bodhgaya, Bihar	33.17
3.	Coastal Circuit	Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World Class Coastal & Eco Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh	69.83
		Total	153.00

Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan during 2015-16

(Rs. In Crore)

Sl. No.	Circuit	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	North-East Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Moirang- Khongjom-Moreh.	89.66
2.	North-East Circuit	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.	98.04
3.	Eco Circuit	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri, Uttarakhand	80.37
4.	Desert Circuit	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations under Desert Circuit in Swadesh Darshan Scheme	63.96
5.	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima-Wokha, Nagaland	97.36
		Total	429.39
