

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.79
ANSWERED ON 30.11.2015**

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM AT HISTORICAL PLACES

**79. SHRIMATI ARPITA GHOSH:
SHRI SIRAJUDDIN AJMAL:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has scheme to develop historical places/heritage cities to boost tourism in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified in this regard, State-wise including Balurghat in West Bengal;**
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned by the Government so far for the purpose, State-wise/location-wise; and**
- (d) the time by which the project is likely to be started and completed, phase-wise?**

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 State-wise/location-wise details of projects sanctioned along with the completion period indicated in respective DPRs under Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD scheme during 2014-15 and 2015-16 are given at Annexure.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.79 ANSWERED ON 30.11.2015 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM AT HISTORICAL PLACES.****The list of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan during 2014-15 and 2015-16 (till 24.11.2015)****(Rs. in Crore)**

| Sl. No | Name of the Circuit | State | Name of Project | Year | Amount Sanctioned | Completion Period |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Coastal | Andhra Pradesh | Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World class coastal & Eco Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh | 2014-15 | 69.83 | 24 months |
| 2. | North-East India Circuit | Arunachal Pradesh | Bhalukpong-Bomdila-Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh | 2014-15 | 50.00 | 24 months |
| 3. | Buddhist Circuit | Bihar | Cultural Centre, Bodhgaya | 2014-15 | 33.17 | 18 months |
| 4 | North-East India Circuit | Manipur | Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Moirang-Khongjom-Moreh | 2015-16 | 89.66 | 24 months |
| 5 | North-East India Circuit | Sikkim | Development of Tourist Circuit linking - Rangpo | 2015-16 | 98.05 | 36 months |

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| | | | (entry) - Rorathang - Aritar - Phadamchen - Nathang - Sherathang - Tsongmo - Gangtok - Phodong - Mangan - Lachung - Yumthang - Lachen - Thangu - Gurudongmer - Mangan - Gangtok - Tumin Lingee - Singtam (exit) in Sikkim | | | |
| 6 | Eco Circuit | Uttarakhand | Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri, Uttarakhand | 2015-16 | 80.37 | 36 months |
| 7 | Desert Circuit | Rajasthan | Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations | 2015-16 | 63.96 | 24 months |

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| | | | under Desert Circuit in Swadesh Darshan Scheme | | | |
| 8 | Tribal Circuit | Nagaland | Development of Tribal Circuit Peren-Kohima-Wokha, Nagaland | 2015-16 | 97.36 | 30 months |
| | | Total | | | 582.40 | |

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)

| Sl. No. | Name of the State & project | Year | Amount Sanctioned | Completion period |
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| | BIHAR | | | |
| 1. | Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar | 2014-15 | 4.29 | 18 months |
| | UTTAR PRADESH | | | |
| 2. | Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II) | 2014-15 | 14.93 | 18 months |
| 3. | Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura | 2014-15 | 9.36 | 18 months |
| | ODISHA | | | |
| 4. | Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham-Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit | 2014-15 | 50.00 | 24 months |
| | PUNJAB | | | |
| 5. | Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar | 2015-16 | 6.45 | 18 months |
| | RAJASTHAN | | | |
| 6. | Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer | 2015-16 | 40.44 | 24 months |
| | Grand Total | | 125.47 | |
