

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1257
ANSWERED ON 02.05.2016**

IDENTIFICATION AND RESTORATION OF HERITAGE SITES

1257. SHRI B.S. YEDIYURAPPA:

SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement any project for identification and restoration of heritage sites and tourist spots in the country to attract more tourists;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government for security of these historically important sites;**
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments for inclusion of tourist spots in the said project and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the policy of security for the domestic and foreign tourists in the country and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government is considering to formulate new National Ranking System for tourist spots in the country and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c): For development of tourism infrastructure including heritage sites and tourist spots in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has introduced two new schemes in 2014-15 i.e. Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits and PRASAD- Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive. Under Swadesh Darshan scheme thirteen thematic circuits have been identified, namely: North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit & Heritage Circuit and under PRASAD scheme also, thirteen

cities have been identified for development, namely: Amritsar, Ajmer, Dwarka, Mathura, Varanasi, Gaya, Puri, Amravati, Kanchipuram, Vellankanni, Kedarnath, Kamakhya and Patna.

The security of historical sites in the country is the responsibility of the respective State Governments. The details of projects sanctioned under both the schemes are annexed.

(d): In order to ensure the safety and security of domestic and foreign tourists in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has taken the following steps:

- (i) The Ministry has launched the 24x7 Toll Free Multi-Lingual Tourist Helpline in 12 languages including Hindi & English on 08.02.2016. This service is available on the toll free number 1800111363 or on a short code 1363. The Helpline provides support service in terms of providing information relating to Travel & Tourism in the country and assist the callers with advice on action to be taken during times of distress while travelling in India and if need be, alert the concerned authorities.**
- (ii) All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been asked to take immediate effective steps for ensuring a conducive and friendly environment for all tourists.**
- (iii) The Ministry has granted Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh for setting up of Tourist Facilitation and Security Organization (TFSO) on pilot basis.**
- (iv) In the wake of some unfortunate incidents happening involving foreign tourists, Ministry regularly posts an advisory on its website www.incredibleindia.org for the safety and security of women tourists.**
- (v) The Ministry has formulated the Guidelines on Safety and Security of Tourists for the State Governments/Union Territories and Tips for Travellers. These guidelines have been offered to State Government/Union Territories and other relevant authorities to stress the importance of Safety and risk management, assist in identifying best practices and encourage closer cooperation of various agencies.**

(e): The Ministry has no scheme for ranking of tourist spots in the country.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1257 ANSWERED ON 02.05.2016 REGARDING IDENTIFICATION AND RESTORATION OF HERITAGE SITES.****List of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme****Year: 2014-15****(Rs. in Crore)**

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

Year 2015-16**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Circuit	State	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	North-East India Circuit	Manipur	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Moirang- Khongjom-Moreh.	89.66
2.	North-East India Circuit	Sikkim	Development of Tourist Circuit linking Rangpo (entry) – Rorathang-Aritar-Phadamchen- Nathang-Sherathang-Tsongmo-Gangtok-Phodong-Mangan-	98.05

			Lachung-Yumthang-Lachen-Thangu-Gurudongmer-Mangan- Gangtok-Tumin Lingee-Singtam (exit) in Sikkim.	
3.	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.	80.37
4.	Desert Circuit	Rajasthan	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations in Rajasthan under Desert Circuit in Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	63.96
5.	Tribal Circuit	Nagaland	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima-Wokha, Nagaland	97.36
6.	Wildlife Circuit	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna-Mukundpur-Sanjay-Dubri-Bandhavgarh-Kanha-Mukki-Pench in Madhya Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan scheme.	92.22
7.	Coastal Circuit	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Andhra Pradesh.	60.38
8.	Eco Circuit	Telangana	Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district, Telangana under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	91.62
9.	Eco Circuit	Kerala	Development of Pathanamthitta - Gavi - Vagamon - Thekkady as Eco Tourism Circuit in Idduki and Parhanamthitta Districts in	99.22

			Kerala under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	
10.	North East India Circuit	Mizoram	Integrated Development of New Eco Tourism under Swadesh Darshan – North East Circuit at Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek, Mizoram.	94.91
11.	Wildlife Circuit	Assam	Development of Manas – Probitora – Nameri – Kaziranga – Dibru – Saikhowa as Wildlife Circuit in Assam.	95.67
12.	Coastal Circuit	Puducherry	Development of Union Territory of Puducherry as Tourist Circuit under “Swadesh Darshan” Scheme (Coastal Circuit)	85.28
13.	North East India Circuit	Arunachal Pradesh	Integrated Development of New Adventure Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh	97.14
14.	North East India Circuit	Tripura	Development of North East Circuit : Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur - Tirthamukh - Mandirghat – Dumboor- NarikelKunja - Gandachara – Ambassa in Tripura	99.59
15.	Coastal Circuit	West Bengal	Development of Beach Circuit – Udaipur - Digha – Shankarpur – Tajpur – Mandarmani – Fraserganj – Bakhlai -Henry Island in West Bengal	85.39
16.	Tribal Circuit	Chhattisgarh	Development of Tribal Tourism Circuit in Jashpur-Kunkuri-Mainpat- Ambikapur-Maheshpur -Ratanpur-Kurdar-Sarodadadar Gangrel-Kondagaon – Nathyanawagaon -Jagdalpur Chitrakoot -Tirthgarh in	99.94

			Chhattisgarh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	
17.	Coastal Circuit	Maharashtra	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit in Maharashtra under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	82.17
			Total	1512.93

List of Projects sanctioned under PRASAD Scheme

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amount sanctioned
	2014-15	
1.	Basic Facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya	4.29
2.	Development of Mathura Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Phase-II).	14.93
3.	Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan	9.36
4.	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham-Ramachandi-Prachi River Front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	50.00
	Total	78.58
	2015-16	
1.	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	6.45
2.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/ Ajmer	40.44
3.	Development of Kamakhya	33.98
4.	Development of Amaravati	28.36
5.	Development at Patna Sahib	41.53
6.	Development of Varanasi	20.40
7.	Development of Kedarnath	34.78
	Total	205.94
