

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†153
ANSWERED ON 18.07.2016**

DEVELOPMENT OF BUDDHIST SITES

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Government to develop the underdeveloped Buddhist pilgrimage sites for the purpose of tourism in various parts of the country;**
- (b) if so, the details of such sites in various States of the country including Uttar Pradesh;**
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any policy to publicise the cultural, heritage and tourist places of the country at international level;**
- (d) if so, the achievements made so far in terms of increase in number of foreign tourists; and**
- (e) the State-wise funds allocated and expenditure incurred by the State Governments for the conservation and beautification of cultural and tourist places particularly Buddhist tourist places during the last two years and the current year?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan scheme in 2014-15 for integrated development of these based tourist circuits in the country. Buddhist Circuit is one of the thirteen thematic circuits identified for development under the scheme.

(b): Project proposal relating to Buddhist sites in any part of the country including in the State of Uttar Pradesh are eligible for grant of Central Financial Assistance under Buddhist Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

(c): The Ministry of Tourism, as part of its on-going activities, annually releases print, electronic, online and outdoor media campaigns in the international and domestic markets, under the Incredible India brand line, to promote various tourism destinations and products of the country. In addition, a series of promotional activities are undertaken in important and potential tourist generating markets overseas through the India tourism Offices abroad with the objective of showcasing India's tourism potential. These promotional activities include participation in travel fairs and exhibitions; organizing road shows, know India seminars & workshops; organizing and supporting Indian food and cultural festivals; publication of brochures; offering joint advertising and brochure support and inviting media personalities, tour operators and opinion makers to visit the country under the Hospitality Programmes of the Ministry.

(d): The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India during 2013, 2014 and 2015 were 6.97 million (growth of 5.9%), 7.68 million (growth of 10.2%) and 8.03 million (growth of 4.5%), respectively.

(e): List of projects sanctioned for the tourist circuits and destinations during the last two years and the current years is at Annexure.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†153 ANSWERED ON 18.07.2016 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF BUDDHIST SITES.****The State/UT-wise number of projects sanctioned, amount utilised and status under PIDDC Scheme during 2014-15****2014-15****(Rs. in lakh)**

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Utilized	Status	
					Ongoing	Completed
1	Andhra Pradesh	6	1,862.680	0	6	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	5	3,631.080	0	5	0
3	Assam	3	3,588.450	0	3	0
4	Bihar	2	637.060	0	2	0
5	Chhattishgarh	2	940.130	0	2	0
6	Haryana	0	61.660	0	0	0
7	Jammu & Kashmir	1	732.500	0	1	0
8	Karnataka	1	5,124.790	0	1	0
9	Madhya Pradesh	3	3,657.540	60.000	3	0
10	Manipur	5	14,877.210	0	5	0
11	Mizoram	1	4,829.690	241.485	1	0
12	Nagaland	9	6,074.300	1,460.520	9	0
13	Odisha	2	1,488.340	0	2	0
14	Punjab	1	4,796.980	0	1	0
15	Puducherry	0	97.380	0	0	0
16	Rajashthan	0	109.930	0	0	0
17	Sikkim	8	5,337.550	1,177.550	8	0
18	Telangana	1	544.600	0	1	0
	Total	50	58,391.87	2939.555	50	0

**Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD Schemes.
2014-15**

Swadesh Darshan Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the Circuit	State	Name of Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Coastal Circuit	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World class coastal & Eco Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh	69.83	13.96
2.	North-East India Circuit	Arunachal Pradesh	Bhalukpong-Bomdila-Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh	49.77	10.00
3.	Buddhist Circuit	Bihar	Cultural Centre, Bodhgaya	33.17	6.63
			Total	152.77	30.59

PRASAD Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the State & project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
	BIHAR		
1.	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	4.29	2.14
	UTTAR PRADESH		
2.	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	14.93	2.99
3.	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura	9.36	1.76
	ODISHA		
4.	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham- Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	50.00	10.00
	Total	78.58	16.89

2015-16**Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	Name of Theme	State	Name of Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	North-East India Circuit	Manipur	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Moirang-Khongjom-Moreh	89.66	17.93
2.	North-East India Circuit	Sikkim	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	98.05	19.61
3.	Eco Circuit	Uttarakhand	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake &	80.37	16.07

			Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri, Uttarakhand.		
4.	Coastal Circuit	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore in Andhra Pradesh	60.38	12.08
5.	North-East India Circuit	Arunachal Pradesh	Integrated Development of Adventure Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh	97.14	19.43
6.	Eco Circuit	Kerala	Gavi-Patha-Namthitta-Vagamon-Thekkady	99.22	19.84
7.	Desert Circuit	Rajasthan	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations under Desert Circuit in Swadesh Darshan Scheme	63.96	12.79
8.	Tribal Circuit	Nagaland	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren -Kohima-Wokha, Nagaland	97.36	19.47
9.	Eco Circuit	Telangana	Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district, Telangana.	91.62	18.32
10.	Wildlife Circuit	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Wildlife Circuit at	92.22	18.44

			Panna - Mukundpur- Sanjay-Dubri- Bandhavgarh- Kanha-Mukki- Pench in Madhya Pradesh		
11.	Wildlife Circuit	Assam	Wildlife Circuit of Assam	95.67	19.13
12.	North- East India Circuit	Tripura	Development of North East Circuit : Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur - Tirthamukh - Mandirghat - Dumboor- NarikelKunja - Gandachara - Ambassa	99.59	19.92
13.	Eco Circuit	Mizoram	Integrated Development of New Eco- Tourism at Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reike, Mizoram	94.91	18.98
14.	Coastal Circuit	West Bengal	Development of Beach Circuit - Udaipur - Digha - Shankarpur - Tajpur - Mandarmani - Fraserganj - Bakkhlai -Henry Island	85.39	17.08

15.	Coastal Circuit	Puducherry	Development of Union Territory of Puducherry as Tourist Circuit under "Swadesh Darshan" Scheme	85.28	17.06
16.	Tribal Circuit	Chhattisgarh	Development of Tribal Tourism Circuit Jashpur-Kunkuri-Mainpat-Ambikapur-Maheshpur-ratanpur-Kurdar-Sarodadadar-Gangrel-Kondagaon-Nathyanawagaon-Jagdapur-Chitrakoot-Tirthgarh in Chattisgarh	99.94	19.99
17.	Coastal Circuit	Maharashtra	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit in Maharashtra	82.17	12.79
			Total	1512.93	298.93

PRASAD Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the State & project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
	PUNJAB		
1.	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	6.45	1.29
	RAJASTHAN		
2.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	40.44	8.09
	ANDHRA PRADESH		
3.	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh as Tourist Destination	28.36	5.67

	ASSAM		
4.	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati.	33.98	6.80
	BIHAR		
5.	Development of Patna Sahib	41.54	8.31
	UTTAR PRADESH		
6.	Development of Varanasi	20.40	4.08
	UTTARAKHAND		
7.	Development of Kedarnath	34.78	4.47
	Total	205.95	38.71

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Swadesh Darshan Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of Theme	State	Name of Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Coastal Circuit	Goa	Development of Coastal Circuit (Sinquerim0Bag a-Anjuna-Vagator-Morjim-Keri-Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail) in Goa under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.99	20.00
2.	Himalayan Circuit	Jammu & Kashmir	Integrated Development of Tourism Infrastructure Projects in the State of Jammu and Kashmir under Himalayan Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	82.97	16.59
3.	Tribal Circuit	Telangana	Integrated Development of Mulugu-	84.40	16.88

			Laknavaram-Tadavi-Damaravi-Mallur-Bogatha waterfalls as Tribal Circuit in Telangana under Swadesh Darshan Scheme		
4.	North East India Circuit	Meghalaya	Development of Umiam Lake-Ulum Sohpetbneng-Mawdiangdiang under North East Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.13	19.83
			Total	366.49	73.30
