

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.205
ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026**

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN BIHAR

205. SHRI RAJA RAM SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken an assessment of tourism infrastructure gaps across major heritage and religious destinations in Bihar, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the funds released and utilised under Central tourism schemes in Bihar during the last five years; and**
- (c) whether the Government is considering any major programme to develop tourism in Rohtas district of Bihar and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): Development of tourism infrastructure, amenities and experiences at tourist destinations is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government and Union Territory Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism, under its various schemes such as Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD), Swadesh Darshan (SD), Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0), Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) provides financial assistance for the development of tourism infrastructure across the country including Bihar.

(b): The details of the funds released and utilized for the projects under the said schemes in Bihar are annexed.

(c): Receiving proposals from the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds. However, as on date no such major programme to develop tourism in Rohtas district of Bihar has been submitted by the Government of Bihar.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.205 ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026 REGARDING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN BIHAR RAISED BY SHRI RAJA RAM SINGH****The details of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Bihar****(Rs. In Crore)**

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released/ Authorized for Utilization	Amount Utilised
1	Development at Patna Sahib	29.62	29.62	29.62
2	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	3.63	3.63	3.63
3	Development of Ambika Bhawani Temple, Saran	13.29	0.00	0.00

The details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Bihar**(Rs. In Crore)**

Sr. No.	Circuit/ Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released/ Authorized for Utilization	Amount Utilised
1	Tirthankar 2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad-Patna- Rajgir-Pawapuri- Champapuri	33.96	29.36	29.36
2.	Spiritual 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj - Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76	42.17	42.17
3.	Buddhist 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	95.18	95.18	95.18
4.	Rural 2017-	Development of	44.27	40.31	40.31

	18	Bhitiharwa-Chandrahia-Turkaulia			
5.	Spiritual 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	44.55	42.32	42.32

The details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in Bihar

(Rs. In Crore)

Sr. No.	Destination	Name of the Experience	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released/ Authorized for Utilization
1.	Bodh Gaya	Development of the Buddhist Meditation & Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya	165.44	16.54

The details of projects sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme in Bihar

(Rs. In Crore)

Sr. No.	Destination/Category	Name of the Experience	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released/ Authorized for Utilization
1.	SaranDist. (Sonepur Fair) (Culture & Heritage)	Development of Sonepur Fair Site	24.29	2.43

The details of projects sanctioned under SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT (SASCI SCHEME) Scheme in Bihar

(Rs. In Crore)

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released/ Authorized for Utilization
1.	Development of Matsyagandha Lake in Saharsa	97.61	97.09
2.	Karamchat Eco-Tourism and Adventure Hub in Karamchat	49.51	
