

2004-05, including additional allocations made during that year. For the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarter of 2006-07, allocations have been maintained at the level of 2005-06.

In view of requests received from various State Governments for increasing the SKO allocation, the Government of India commissioned a detailed study of Kerosene demand in the country, through the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) in December 2004. NCAER submitted its report in October 2005. NCAER has *inter alia* recommended to restrict the subsidy on kerosene to BPL families only. The proposal to work out the modalities to implement this decision and for rationalizing the allocation of PDS kerosene among States/UTs is under the consideration of the Government.

(c) Under the existing system of marketing of free sale (white) kerosene followed by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), while the requirement of small consumers requiring less than full tank lorry load is met through their kerosene dealers, the requirement of consumers for more than one tank lorry load at a time is met directly by OMCs from their supply locations. The small customers can approach the identified kerosene dealers for their white SKO requirements subject to their fulfilling requiring formalities of storage permits end-use certificates, etc., in accordance with the guidelines in vogue.

Development of Buxar Nagar as a tourist place

†2237. SHRI ALI ANWAR; Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any concrete scheme with Government for developing the Buxar Nagar in Bihar in view of its religious and historical importance in order to attract the tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would formulate any scheme for the development of this city of mythological importance so that the Buxar Nagar can be developed as a tourist place?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (C) No, Sir. No project for Buxar has been prioritized during consultation with the State Government nor has any such project proposal been received.

Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/ UT Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects.

Project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories that are complete in all respect are examined as per scheme guidelines and approved on the basis of *inter-se* priority and funds released subject to availability under the respective head.

Following projects have been prioritized for the State of Bihar in the year 2006-07:

Destination

1. Mandeshwari Temple Circuit
1. Bodhgaya-Nalanda-Rajgir

Festival

1. Buddha Mahotsav
2. Rajgir Mahotsav
3. Sonapur Mela
4. Chhath Mahotsav Rural

Tourism

1. Patthar Kathi

A list of projects sanctioned to the State of Bihar during Tenth Plan is given in the Statement.

Statement*Projects sanctioned to the State of Bihar during Tenth Plan*

(Rs. in lakh)

| Sl. No. | Name of the Project | Amount Sanctioned |
|---------|--|-------------------|
| *1 | 2 | 3 |
| 2002-03 | | |
| 1. | Integrated Development of Vaishali-Nalanda-Rajgir-Bodhgaya-Varanasi Circuit: | 505.00 |
| | (i) Tourist facility near Ropeway, Rajgir—Rs. 55.00 lakh . | |
| | (ii) Improvement of Abhishek Pushkarni at Vaishali—Rs. 75.00 lakh (iii) Signages—Rs. 15.00 lakh (iv) Development of Meditation Park—Rs. 75.00 lakh | |
| | (v) Development of Mayasarovar at Bodhgaya—Rs. (vi) Tourist facility at Nalanda—Rs. 25.00 lakh | 150.00 lakh |
| | (vii) Development of Bimbisar Avenue, Rajgir—Rs. 50.00 lakh | |
| | (viii) Tourist facility at Kund—Rs. 60.00 lakh | |
| 2. | Installation of HAARC System at Mahabodhi Temple, Bodhgaya | 12.00 |
| TOTAL: | | 51.7.00 |
| 2003-04 | | |
| 1. | Upgradation of roads connecting monasteries and construction of pavements/signages in Bodhgaya | 5.89 |
| 2. | Development of Nepura Village, Distt. Nalanda under Rural Tourism | 50.00 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| 3. | Development schemes for Bodhgaya (Phase II) in Bihar under scheme of Destination Development:— | |
| | (i) Landscape development of Kalchakra Maidan— Rs. 75.76 lakh | |
| | (ii) Traffic Interchange Node-I—Rs. 37.73 lakh | |
| | (iii) Bodhgaya Hatt near by pass main approach road— Rs. 236.71 lakh | |
| | (iv) Shopping cum Traffic Interchange Node near road along river—Rs. 112.53 lakh | |
| 4. | Development of Nava Nalanda Mahavihara as pilgrim destination as part of Bihar-Nalanda Tourist Circuit | 352.00 |
| | (i) Improvement of Pushkarni Lake—Rs. 17.00 lakh | |
| | (ii) Upgradation of approach road—Rs. 19.80 lakh | |
| | (iii) Upgradation of existing Memorial building— Rs. 65.00 lakh | |
| | (iv) Electrification—Rs. 50.00 lakh | |
| | (v) Construction of HeiunTsang Gram—Rs. 145.00 lakh | |
| | (vi) Landscaping of balance 52 acres of land— Rs. 55.20 lakh | |
| 5. | Development scheme for landscape-development around Tomb of Malik Ibrahim Bayyu and Temple surroundings at Biharsharif, Nalanda—Rs. 134.00 lakh | 134.00 |
| | (i) Construction/Renovation of 500 meter long and 5 meter wide stone pathway including 380 mm thick and 400 mm high local stone masonry copping on both side of the road, lighting etc.—Rs. 20.00 lakh | |
| | (ii) Intensive landscaping including pathways, fencing etc.— Rs. 100.00 lakh | |
| | (iii) Construction of toilet block (area 35 sq m)— Rs. 2.00 lakh | |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---------|--|---------|
| | (iv) Construction of 4 nos. of kiosk of area 10 sq m each—Rs. 2.00 lakh | |
| | (v) Construction of pump house, installation of pump and water lifting arrangements etc.—Rs. 10.00 lakh | |
| 6. | Dedication Ceremony and Boudh Mahotsav | 15.00 |
| TOTAL : | | 1019.42 |
| 2004-05 | | |
| 1. | Construction of new High School Building and shifting of existing High School from frontage Mayasarovar Lake, Bodhgaya | 33.11 |
| 2. | Eco-Tourism Development at Bhimbandh, Munger | 370.00 |
| 3. | Development of Touist Resort at Maner | 407.20 |
| 4. | Eco-Tourism Development of Valmiki Nagar, West Champaran | 300.06 |
| 5. | Development of Vishnu Vihar at Gaya | 271.06 |
| 6. | Construction of Tourist Complex at Maner Sharif, Patna under Destination Development | 500.00 |
| 7. | GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project—Nepura in Nalanda Distt. | 20.00 |
| TOTAL : | | 1901.43 |
| 2005-06 | | |
| 1. | Development of Bodhgaya-Rajgir-Nalanda under the scheme of Tourist Circuit | 768.12 |
| 2. | Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route Circuit from Sultanganj to Deoghar | 443.12 |
| 3. | Harihar Kshetra (Sonepur) Fair, 2005 | 0.99 |
| TOTAL : | | 1212.23 |
| 2006-07 | | |
| 1. | Development of Tourist Circuit Bodhgaya-Rajgir-Nalanda under Major Project Scheme | 1922.42 |