

**Development of tourism in Bihar**

‡1355. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes undertaken in current financial year for development of tourism in Bihar;
- (b) the amount allocated for completion of these schemes;
- (c) whether Government would consider upon to make necessary allocations for the development of Buddha circuit, Jain circuit and Ramayana circuit and for the development of infrastructure facilities at important historical and religious places; and
- (d) the details of the schemes of Government to develop Buxar and its neighbouring historical places and religious places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) and (b) Development, promotion and implementation of tourism projects including historical and religious circuits/destinations is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism projects which are prioritized in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The projects which are complete as per scheme guidelines are sanctioned subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority.

(c) The Ministry of Tourism has appointed a National Level Consultant (NLC) to identify some tourism circuits for integrated development in association with the States/Union Territories for development during the 12th Plan period. The list of Circuits identified by NLC is given below:

*Circuits Identified*

**Phase-I**

Buddhist Circuit	Buddhist Circuit: Bodh Gaya-Nalanda-Rajgir-Patna-Vaishali
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**Phase-II**

Ramayan Circuit	Vaishali-Sitakund-Ahilya Sthan-Sitamarhi-Ahirauli - Valmiki Nagar
Sufi Circuit	Maner sharif-Dargah Sharif-Bihar sharif-Hajipur-Phulwari Sharif
Jain Circuit	Vaishali-Rajgir-Pawapuri-Parasnath-Nawada

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‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) No such proposal has been received from the State Government of Bihar in the current financial year.

**Hostels for ST students in North-East States**

1356. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hostels for Scheduled Tribes (STs) students in North East States, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of hostels for the student of ST category in North-East State, especially in Assam;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has taken any action to increase the facilities for hostels for the students of ST category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEO S. KHANDELA): (a) The number of hostels sanctioned in North East States during the last three years under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Hostels for ST girls and boys" is given in the Statement (*See below*)

(b) and (c) As per the provisions of the Scheme, this Ministry releases grant-in-aid to State Governments/UT Administrations/Universities for construction of hostel buildings only based on the proposals sent by the States/UTs/Universities according to their requirement of such hostels.

(d) Under the Scheme of "Hostels for ST girls and boys", an amount of Rs. 78.00 crore has been allocated which includes Rs. 10.00 crore earmarked for the North East during the year 2012-13 for sanctioning of hostels for ST girls and boys.

***Statement***

*The number of hostels sanctioned along with number of seats to North East States under the scheme of hostels for ST girls and boys during the last three years*

Sl.No.	Name of State/ UT/University	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
		Hostel	Seat	Hostel	Seat	Hostel	Seat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	6	121	15	790
2	Manipur	-	-	19	899	-	-