

(ii) Quantity of salt exported and revenue earned during last five years:—

| Year | Quantity of salt exported in ‘000 Metric Ton | Revenue earned in lakh Rupees |
|---------|---|----------------------------------|
| 2009-10 | 2895.75 | 40335.45 |
| 2010-11 | 3867.85 | 52062.45 |
| 2011-12 | 3771.75 | 49225.34 |
| 2012-13 | 5003.66 | 67943.95 |
| 2013-14 | 5960.98 | 84439.78 |

Development of Buddhist circuit in and around Delhi

978. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to develop a Buddhist circuit in and around Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and status so far;

(c) what efforts have been made to provide all essential facilities/infrastructure to the tourists; and

(d) how many such circuits are in existence or being developed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal with the Archaeological Survey of India to develop a Buddhist circuit in and around Delhi.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No such circuit is in existence or being developed by the Archaeological Survey of India as it has no such mandate. However, the details of Buddhist Circuits indentified by the Ministry of Tourism in the country are at Statement.

Statement

The details of Buddhist Circuits identified by the Ministry of Tourism in the country to be developed with the help of Central Government/State Government/Private Stake Holders

Circuit 1: The Dharmayatra or the Sacred Circuit

This will be a 5 to 7 days circuit and will include visits to Gaya (Bodhgaya), Varanasi (Sarnath), Kushinagar, Piparva (Kapilvastu) with a day trip to Lumbini in Nepal.

Circuit 2: Extended Dharmayatra or Extended Sacred Circuit or Retracing Buddha's Footsteps

This will be a 10 to 15 day circuit and will include visits to Bodhgaya (Nalanda, Rajgir, Barabar caves, Pragbodhi Hill, Gaya), Patna (Vaishali, Lauriya Nandangarh, Lauriya Areraj, Kesariya, Patna Museum), Varanasi (Sarnath), Kushinagar, Piparva (Kapilvastu, Shravasti, Sankisa) with a day trip to Lumbini in Nepal

Circuit 3: Buddhist Heritage Trails (State Circuits)

- i. Jammu and Kashmir - Ladakh, Srinagar (Harwan, Parihaspora) and Jammu (Ambaran).
- ii. Himachal Pradesh - Dharamshala, Spiti, Kinnaur and Lahaul.
- iii. Punjab - Sanghon.
- iv. Haryana – Jind (Assan), Yamunanagar (Sugh).
- v. Maharashtra -Aurangabad (Ajanta, Ellora, Pithalkora Caves), Pune (Karla Caves), Mumbai (Kanheri Caves), Pune (Bhaja Caves) and Nashik (Pandavleni Caves).
- vi. Andhra Pradesh - Amravati, Nagarjunakonda, Vizag (Borra Caves, Salihundum Caves).
- vii. Madhya Pradesh - Sanchi, Satdhara, Andher, Sonari, Murulkurd.
- viii. Odisha (Dhauri, Ratnagiri, Lalitgiri, Udaygiri, Langudi, Khandagiri).
- ix. Chhattisgarh – Sirpur.
- x. West Bengal - Kolkata (Indian Museum)
- xi. Sikkim - Rumtek, Enchay and other Monasteries.
- xii. Arunachal Pradesh –Tawang and Bomdila.

Amount collected as entry fee from ASI monuments

979. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount collected as entry fee from Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protected monuments does not go to the kitty of those monuments;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would allow them to retain collected amount for their upkeep, maintenance, etc.?