

Sl. No.	Name of Applicant	Proposed site	Locality	Status
6.	Shri Mulk Raj	B-21, Nizamuddin East, New Delhi	Nizamuddin East	Permission Issued
7.	Shri Rakesh Tewari, DG, ASI	Interpretation Centre at Humayun's Tomb, Nizamuddin East	Nizamuddin East	Permission Issued
8.	Shri Ajay Kumar	C-25, Nizamuddin East, New Delhi	Nizamuddin East	Permission Issued
<b>2015-16 (Current Year)</b>				
9.	Shri Harish Basnotra and Shri Ramesh Sharma	C-31, Nizamuddin East, New Delhi	Nizamuddin East	Permission Issued

#### **Development of Buddhist Circuit and Ayodhya**

\*175. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the plan made by Government to strengthen Buddhist Circuit;

(b) the number of foreign and domestic tourists who visited availing facilities in this Circuit in last one year; and

(c) what are Government's plans to attract more tourists to Ayodhya and provide appropriate facilities including international airport at Ayodhya?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan Scheme with a vision to develop theme based tourist circuits on the principles of high tourist value, competitiveness and sustainability in an integrated manner by synergizing efforts to focus on needs and concerns of all stakeholders to enrich tourist experience and enhance employment opportunities. The Buddhist Circuit has been identified as one of the twelve thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

The Ministry of Tourism, the Governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh and the International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group) have entered into an Agreement for Advisory Services in October, 2013 for designing and implementing a Comprehensive Plan for up-gradation of Buddhist sites in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Under this agreement, the signatories have designed a strategy "Investing in the Buddhist Circuit-2014-2018" aimed at a broader integrated Buddhist Circuit Tourism Development Project, for both Buddhist pilgrims and those wishing to experience the essence of Buddhist heritage.

In addition to above the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, undertakes several promotional activities in the domestic and international markets for promotion of the varied tourism products and destinations of the country including Buddhist Heritage, Sites and Circuits. Some of the specific activities undertaken by the Ministry of Tourism to promote Buddhist tourism are as follows:

- International Buddhist Conclaves are organised every alternate year since 2010. The last conclave was held in Bodhgaya, Bihar and Varanasi in September 2014.
- Information on various Buddhist site is available on the promotional website of the Ministry of Tourism [www.incredibleindia.org](http://www.incredibleindia.org).
- Publicity material and collaterals in English and foreign languages are produced for the domestic and international markets.
- Media campaigns in the print and electronic media are undertaken in the domestic and international markets.
- Presentations made on Buddhist tourism during Road Shows organized in the major source markets abroad.
- Familiarisation Tours for trade, media and opinion makers from overseas to Buddhist Sites and Circuits in the country and on the special Mahaparinirvana Buddhist Tourist Train organized under the Hospitality Scheme of the Ministry.

(b) The Ministry of Tourism does not compile data of tourists visiting the Buddhist sites in the country. However, based on information received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, details of domestic and foreign tourist visits to some important Buddhist sites during 2014 are as follows:

Name of State	Buddhist Place	2014	
		Domestic	Foreign
1	2	3	4
Uttar Pradesh	Sarnath	899457	374268
	Kushinagar	774872	65435
	Sravasti	111224	98951
	Kapilavastu	164125	30455
Bihar	Gaya	5098230	209656
	Bodh Gaya	1647701	225668

1	2	3	4
	Rajgir	1525107	164314
	Nalanda	1057317	124810
	Vaishali	202509	60108
	TOTAL	1,14,80,542	13,53,665

(c) The Ministry of Tourism under the Incredible India brand-line promotes India as a holistic destination for tourists. The Ministry of Tourism has identified Ramayana Circuit as one of the thematic circuit for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme. The Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that at present there is no proposal for development of International Airport at Ayodhya.

#### **Establishment of industrial parks**

\*176. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) which are the States where Industrial Parks have been established or are being proposed to be established;

(b) whether Odisha is also being considered for establishing an Industrial Park; and

(c) if so, by when it will be established and the details of the industries that will form part of such establishment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) List of States in which Industrial Parks have been established and approvals have been accorded under Industrial Park Scheme 1999 and Industrial Park Scheme 2002 is given in the Statement-I (*See* below). The said Schemes have ceased to be in operation *w.e.f.* 01.04.2002 and 01.04.2006 respectively.

Apart from this, 37 Industrial Cluster Projects have been sanctioned under Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS), details of which are given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

Further under the Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (MIIUS) approvals have been accorded to 26 more industrial clusters, as per the details given in the Statement-III. In addition, it is also proposed to set up 12 National Investment and Manufacturing Zones (NIMZs), as per the details given in the list as Statement-IV.