

Sl.No.	Name of Project	Amount Sanctioned
2.	Tourism Destination Development of Gadiara in Howrah Dist., West Bengal.	442.20
3.	Destination tourism of Buxaduar (Eco Tourism) in West Bengal.	394.00
4.	Development of 'Ahiron-Subhas Deep-Sagardighi-Nawagram Tourism Circuit' in Murshidabad Dist., West Bengal	788.48
5.	"Ayodhya Pahar Circuit Tourism" in Purulia District, West Bengal.	485.00
<b>2011-12</b>		
1.	Illumination of Heritage Buildings	798.39
2.	Tourism Destination Development of College Street", Kolkata	477.29
3.	Destination Tourism Project at Diamond Harbour, 24, Paragnas (South) West Bengal	500.00
4.	Destination Tourism Project at Ganga Sagar 24, Paragnas (South) West Bengal	500.00
5.	Destination Tourism Project at Sundarban, 24, Paragnas (South) West Bengal	488.53
<i>Details of projects sanctioned during the Twelfth plan</i>		
<b>2012-13</b>		
1.	North Bengal Dooars Mega Tourist Circuit in West Bengal	4668.46
<b>2013-14</b>		Nil
<b>2014-15</b>		Nil

**Setting up of religion based tourism circuits**

461. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

DR. CHANDAN MITRA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has established religion based tourism circuits in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise infrastructure/tourism facilities set up in those religion based tourism circuits and the budgetary allocation made therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, including the places of religion based tourism circuits in various parts of the country, for tourism projects in consultation with them subject to availability of funds, *inter-se* priority, liquidation of pending utilization certificates and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

For development of tourism infrastructure in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has introduced two new schemes in 2014-15 *i.e.* PRASAD - Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive and Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits. Under PRASAD thirteen cities have been identified for development initially, namely: Amritsar, Ajmer, Dwaraka, Mathura, Varanasi, Gaya, Puri, Amaravati, Kanchipuram, Vellankanni, Kedarnath, Kamakhya and Patna. Under Swadesh Darshan scheme also, twelve thematic circuits have been identified initially, namely: North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit and Ramayana Circuit.

(c) The details of the budgetary allocations made to various States/Union till date for religion based tourism circuits/places are given in Statement.

#### **Statement**

*Details of the projects sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan scheme  
based on religious themes*

(₹ in crore)

Sl.No	State	Name of Theme	Name of Project	Sanctioned Amount
<b>Year 2014-15</b>				
1.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit	Cultural Centre, Bodhgaya	33.17
<b>Year 2015-16</b>				Nil

*Details of the projects sanctioned under the PRASAD scheme*

(₹ in crore)

Sl.No.	State	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Amount
<b>Year 2014-15</b>			
1.	Bihar	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	4.29

Sl.No.	State	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Amount
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	14.93
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura	9.35
4.	Odisha	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham-Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	50.00
<b>Year 2015-16</b>			
1.	Punjab	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	6.45
2.	Rajasthan	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	40.44

#### **Superstitions among tribal population**

462. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the tribal population in the country is still reeling under various kind of superstitions;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to make the tribal population aware and make them educated; and

(c) the assistance given to each State for upliftment of tribal people in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA): (a) It is a fact that several superstitions are prevailing among the general population of the country, including the tribals.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has no programme that collects information about the various kinds of superstitions prevailed among the tribal people. It, however, implements various schemes wherein financial assistance is provided to States for promoting education among the scheduled tribes namely, Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe Students, Hostels for Scheduled Tribe Boys and Girls, Establishment of Ashram School in Tribal Sub Plan Areas, Rajiv Gandhi National