

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS****Beautification of tourist places in Bihar**

†\*185. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has drawn up a new plan for the beautification of tourist places;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of tourist places in the country and particularly in Bihar, which have been included under the said plan of beautification and amount released for this purpose, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Pursuant to the Budget announcements of 2014-15, Ministry of Tourism launched two schemes for the development and promotion of tourism in the country.

The Swadesh Darshan Scheme was launched for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits around Specific Themes. The National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) was launched to beautify and improve amenities and infrastructure at major pilgrimage sites in the country.

Thirteen theme based circuits have been identified under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme 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, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit. Under PRASAD, 13 pilgrimage sites namely Ajmer, Amritsar, Amaravati, Dwarka, Kamakhya, Kanchipuram, Kedarnath, Mathura, Puri, Varanasi and Velankanni, including two sites in Bihar namely Gaya and Patna Sahib have been identified.

The State-wise details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD including Bihar during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 are given in the Statement.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

**Statement**

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**2014-15****Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the Circuit	State	Name of Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Coastal Circuit	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World class coastal & Eco Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh	69.83	13.96
2.	North-East India Circuit	Arunachal Pradesh	Bhalukpong-Bomdila-Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh	49.77	10.00
3.	Buddhist Circuit	Bihar	Cultural Centre, Bodhgaya	33.17	6.63
TOTAL				152.77	30.59

**PRASAD Scheme**

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the State & project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
<b>Bihar</b>			
1.	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	4.29	2.14
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>			
2.	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	14.93	2.99
3.	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura	9.36	1.76
<b>Odisha</b>			
4.	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham-Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	50.00	10.00
TOTAL		78.58	16.89

**2015-16****Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of Theme	State	Name of Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	North-East India Circuit	Manipur	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Moirang-Khongjom-Moreh	89.66	17.93
2.	North-East India Circuit	Sikkim	Development of Tourist Circuit linking - Rangpo (entry) - Rorathang-Aritar-Phadamchen - Nathang Sherathang - Tsongmo - Gangtok -Phodong - Mangan -Lachung - Yumthang - Lachen - Thangu -Gurudongmer Mangan - Gangtok -Tumin Lingee Singtam (exit) in Sikkim	98.05	19.61
3.	Eco Circuit	Uttarakhand	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri, Uttarakhand	80.37	16.07
4.	Coastal Circuit	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore in Andhra Pradesh	60.38	12.08
5.	North-East India Circuit	Arunachal Pradesh	Integrated Development of Adventure Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh	97.14	19.43
6.	Eco Circuit	Kerala	Gavi-Patha-Namthitta-Vagamon-Thekkady	99.22	19.84

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7.	Desert Circuit	Rajasthan	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations under Desert Circuit in Swadesh Darshan Scheme	63.96	12.79
8.	Tribal Circuit	Nagaland	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren-Kohima-Wokha, Nagaland	97.36	19.47
9.	Eco Circuit	Telangana	Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar District, Telangana.	91.62	18.32
10.	Wildlife Circuit	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna - Mukundpur-Sanjay-Dubri-Bandhavgarh-Kanha-Mukki-Pench in Madhya Pradesh	92.22	18.44
11.	Wildlife Circuit	Assam	Wildlife Circuit of Assam	95.67	19.13
12.	North-East India Circuit	Tripura	Development of North East Circuit: Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur -Amarpur Tirthamukh - Mandirghat - Dumboor-Narikel Kunja - Gandachara - Ambassa	99.59	19.92
13.	Eco Circuit	Mizoram	Integrated Development of New Eco-Tourism at Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reike, Mizoram	94.91	18.98
14.	Coastal Circuit	West Bengal	Development of Beach Circuit - Udaipur - Digha - Shankarpur - Tajpur - Mandarmani -Fraserganj - Bakkhilai -Henry Island	85.39	17.08
15.	Coastal Circuit	Puducherry	Development of Union Territory of Puducherry as Tourist Circuit under "Swadesh Darshan" Scheme	85.28	17.06

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16.	Tribal Circuit	Chhattisgarh	Development of Tribal Tourism Circuit Jashpur-Kunkuri-Mainpat-Ambikapur-Maheshpur-Ratanpur-Kurdar-Sarodadadar-Gangrel-Kondagaon-Nathyanawagaon - Jagdalpur-Chitrakoot-Tirthgarh in Chhattisgarh	99.94	19.99
17.	Coastal Circuit	Maharashtra	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit in Maharashtra	82.17	12.79
TOTAL				1512.93	298.93

**PRASAD Scheme**

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the State & project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
<b>Punjab</b>			
1.	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	6.45	1.29
<b>Rajasthan</b>			
2.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	40.44	8.09
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>			
3.	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh as Tourist Destination	28.36	5.67
<b>Assam</b>			
4.	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	33.98	6.80
<b>Bihar</b>			
5.	Development of Patna Sahib	41.54	8.31
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>			
6.	Development of Varanasi	20.40	4.08
<b>Uttarakhand</b>			
7.	Development of Kedarnath	34.78	4.47
TOTAL		205.95	38.71

**2016-17****Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of Theme	State	Name of Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Coastal Circuit	Goa	Development of Coastal Circuit (Sinquerim-Baga-Anjuna-Vagator-Morjim-Keri-Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail) in Goa under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.99	20.00
2.	Himalayan Circuit	Jammu & Kashmir	Integrated Development of Tourism Infrastructure Projects in the State of Jammu and Kashmir under Himalayan Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	82.97	16.59
3.	Tribal Circuit	Telangana	Integrated Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram-Tadavi-Damaravi-Mallur-Bogatha waterfalls as Tribal Circuit in Telangana under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	84.40	16.88
4.	North-East India Circuit	Meghalaya	Development of Umiam Lake-Ulum Sohpetbneng-Mawdiangdiang under North East Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.13	19.83
5.	Buddhist Circuit	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist sites of Madhya Pradesh (Mandsaur - Dhar-Sanchi - Satna -Rewa)	74.94	14.99
TOTAL				441.43	88.29

**Impact of FTAs on commercial crops**

\*186. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) entered into with other countries have detrimentally affected the prices and market of commercial crops produced in the country; and