

| Nationality | Medical Attendant | Medical Visa |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| United Nations Organization | 0 | 1 |
| United Nations Specialized Agency | 0 | 3 |
| United States of America | 79 | 180 |
| Uzbekistan | 1892 | 2288 |
| Vietnam | 0 | 2 |
| Yemen | 1408 | 1469 |
| Zambia | 150 | 149 |
| Zimbabwe | 124 | 130 |
| TOTAL | 70535 | 96856 |

Beautification of tourist places in Bihar

†1169. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to beautify all the tourist places in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the complete details of tourist places in Bihar which have been considered for beautification and amounts provided for it?

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

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

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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.

Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD for the State of Bihar during 2014-15 and 2015-16 are given in the Statement.

Statement

Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme and Prasad Scheme.

2014-15

Swadesh Darshan Scheme (₹ in crore)

| Sl. No. | Name of the Circuit | State | Name of Project | Amount Sanctioned | Amount Released |
|---------|---------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Buddhist Circuit | Bihar | Cultural Centre, Bodhgaya | 33.17 | 6.63 |
| | | | TOTAL | 33.17 | 6.63 |

PRASAD Scheme (₹ in crore)

| Sl. No. | Name of the State and project | Amount Sanctioned | Amount Released |
|---------|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Bihar | | |
| | Development of Basic Facilities at Vishnupad Temple, Gaya, Bihar | 4.29 | 2.14 |
| | TOTAL | 4.29 | 2.14 |

2015-16

PRASAD Scheme (₹ in crore)

| Sl. No. | Name of the State and project | Amount Sanctioned | Amount Released |
|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Bihar | | |
| | Development of Patna Sahib | 41.54 | 8.31 |
| | TOTAL | 41.54 | 8.31 |