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Year 2015-16				
5.	Punjab	Development of KarunaSagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	6.45	3.23
6.	Rajasthan	Integrated Development of Pushkar/ Ajmer	40.44	8.09
7.	Assam	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	33.98	16.99
8.	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	28.36	14.18
9.	Bihar	Development at Patna Sahib	41.54	33.23
10.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi	20.40	4.08
11.	Uttarakhand	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	34.78	17.39
TOTAL			205.95	97.19
Year 2016-17				
12.	Gujarat	Development of Dwarka	26.23	5.25
13.	Tamil Nadu	Development of Kanchipuram	16.48	3.30
14.	Tamil Nadu	Development of Vellankani	5.60	1.12
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	Development at Hazratbal	42.02	8.40
16.	West Bengal	Development of Belur	30.03	6.01
TOTAL			120.36	24.08
GRAND TOTAL			404.87	138.16

Development of tourism in infrastructure in Tamil Nadu

1580. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any plans for tourism infrastructure development under Coastal Circuit, Eco Circuit and Wild Life Circuit Schemes for the State of Tamil Nadu, particularly for Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli districts which are in close vicinity of sea and Western Ghats, respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Under Swadesh Darshan Scheme thirteen thematic circuits including Coastal Circuit, Eco Circuit and Wildlife Circuit have been identified for development in the country.

Under the Scheme, the projects for development are identified in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilization certificates, submission of suitable Detailed Project Report (DPR) and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

Based on the proposal received from the State Government of Tamil Nadu, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project 'Development of Coastal Circuit (Chennai-Mamallapuram-Rameshwaram-Manpadu-Kanyakumari) in Tamil Nadu' under Swadesh Darshan Scheme with Central Financial Assistance of ₹ 99.92 crore in 2016-17.

Foreign tourists coming to North-Eastern States

1581. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of foreign tourists to the country particularly to the tourist destinations in North-Eastern States have increased compared to the previous three years;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to attract more number of foreign tourists to these places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total number of Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) to the North Eastern (NE) States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and Manipur along with total number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 are as below:

Year	NE States	All-India FTAs (in lakhs)
2014	1,16,880	76.8
2015	1,19,338	80.3
2016*	1,37,275	88.9

* Provisional figures

(c) Does not arise.