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2.	Swadesh Darshan	Development of Heritage circuit: Vadnagar, Modhera and Patan in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan Scheme. (2016-17)	99.81
3.	Swadesh Darshan	Development of Buddhist circuit: Junagadh-Gir-Somnath-Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar-Rajkot-Mehsana in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan scheme (2017-18)	35.99
4.	PRASAD	Development of Dwarka (2016-17)	26.23
5.	PRASAD	Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath (2016-17)	37.44

**Proposal to declare Nrusinghanath and Harishankar
in Odisha as tourist centres**

2074. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many tourist centres are there in the States of Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and West Bengal and what is the funding pattern to develop these tourist centres;

(b) whether there is any proposal to declare Nrusinghanath and Harishankar situated in the Gandhamardhan Hills bordering Bargarh and Bolangir districts in Odisha as tourist centres by Government; and

(c) if so, what are the steps taken so far for improvement of these two tourist spots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Identification and declaration of tourist centres is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and Union Territories including the States of Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and West Bengal.

The Ministry of Tourism extends 100% Central Financial Assistance (CFA) as per the Detailed Project Reports submitted by them as per guidelines of the two central sector schemes viz. 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'PRASAD'.

The CFA extended to the States of Odisha, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal under Swadesh Darshan Scheme and PRASAD scheme is given below:—

(₹ in crore)			
Sl. No.	Year	Name of Projects	Sanctioned Amount
1	2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit under Swadesh Darshan: Udaipur-Digha-Shankarpur-Tajpur-Mandarmani-Fraserganj-Bakkhali-Henry Island under Coastal Circuit in West Bengal	85.39
2.	2015-16	Development of Tribal Tourism Circuit under Swadesh Darshan in Jashpur-Kunkuri Mainpat-Ambikapur-Maheshpur-Ratanpur-Kurdar-Sarodadadar Gangrel-Kondagaon-Nathyanawagaon-Jagdulpur Chitrakoot-Tirthgarh in Chhattisgarh.	99.94
3.	2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara as Coastal Circuit in Odisha under Swadesh Darshan.	76.49
4.	2014-15	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham-Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli in Odisha under Mega Circuit under PRASAD scheme.	50.00
5.	2016-17	Development at Belur in West Bengal under PRASAD scheme.	30.03

No project has been sanctioned under the two schemes to the State Government of Jharkhand.

No specific proposal has been received from the State Government regarding Nrusinghanath and Harishankar situated in the Gandhamardhan Hills bordering Bargarh and Bolangir districts in Odisha as tourist centres.

Tourism industry suffering losses due to burden of taxes

2075. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tourism industry of the country is suffering losses due to burden of taxes and other extra charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is formulating any scheme to prevent such a situation keeping in view the above incidents; and