

(B) PRASAD Scheme

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
2014-15				
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	14.93	2.99
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura	9.36	1.76
TOTAL			24.29	4.75
2015-16				
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi	20.40	10.20
TOTAL			20.40	10.20

Development of cultural hubs

473. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what action plan Government has formulated to give virtual push to cultural tourism in the country;

(b) how many cultural hubs have been identified by Government for development during the last three years; and

(c) the physical progress so far made at the locations identified, including any new heritage site which could be taken as model?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) The tourist potential of India stems from its rich cultural, religious, historical and natural heritage. To harness the capability of these attributes, the Government of India in January, 2015 launched the Swadesh Darshan scheme to develop tourist circuits around 13 specific themes including 'Heritage Circuit'.

(b) and (c) The list of destinations identified under heritage circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme is in the Statement (*See below*). All these sites are being developed with world class infrastructure and work is still under progress at all these locations in the heritage circuit.

Statement*List of Projects Sanctioned for Heritage Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.*

(Amt. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of State	Name of Circuit and Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Heritage Circuit in Ahmedabad-Rajkot-Porbandar-Bardoli-Dandi in Gujarat.	93.48
2.	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage circuit (2016-17)	Development of Heritage Circuit (Gwalior-Orchha-Khajuraho-Chanderi-Bhimbetka-Mandu) Madhya Pradesh.	99.77
3.	Uttarakhand	Heritage circuit (2016-17)	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region-Katarmal-Jogeshwar-Bajjnath-evidhura in Uttarakhand.	81.94
4.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Heritage Circuit (Kalinjar Fort (Banda)-Marhar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)-Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mavahar Sthal (Ghosi)-Shaheed Smarak (Meerut) in Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	41.51
5.	Assam	Heritage Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Tezpur-Majuli-Sibsagar as Heritage Circuit in Assam under Swadesh Darshan scheme.	98.35

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6.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Heritage circuit: Vadnagar-Modhera and Patan in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	99.81
7.	Puducherry	Heritage Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Heritage Circuit in Puducherry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	66.35
8.	Rajasthan	Heritage Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Heritage Circuit (Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort)-Jaipur (Nahargarh Fort)-Alwar (Bala Quila)-Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore Fort and Khandar Fort)-Jhalawar (Gagron Fort)-Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) Jaisalmer (Jaisalmer Fort) Hanumangarh (Kalibangan, Bhatner Fort and Gogamedi)-Jalore (Jalore Fort)-Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra)-Dholpur (Bagh-i-Nilofar and Purani Chawni)-Nagaur (Meera Bai Temple) in Rajasthan under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	99.60
9.	Telangana	Heritage Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Heritage Circuit: Qutub Shahi Heritage Park-Paigah Tombs-Hayat Bakshi Mosque-Raymond's Tomb in Telangana under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	99.42
TOTAL				780.23