

at Amritsar" at the cost of ₹6.45 crore under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism has been sanctioned in the year 2015-16 in Punjab. Till date an amount of ₹5.11 Crore has been released for the project which includes the fund of ₹1.88 crore released on 27.09.2017 in financial year 2017-18.

Setting up of five special tourism zones

1908. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set up five Special Tourism Zones in partnership with States, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total amount earmarked for tourism development in the past three financial years and the amount spent, year-wise and up to 1 December, 2017;
- (c) the progress of circuits development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme and PRASHAD Scheme along with State-wise details thereof; and
- (d) whether any focus has been laid on development of eco-tourism in the country, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI K. J. ALPHONS): (a) and (b) Pursuant to Budget announcements of 2017-18 the Ministry of Tourism has initiated action on formulation of scheme guidelines for development of five Special Tourism Zones in the country. A consultation meeting in this regard was held with the stakeholders which included central Ministries/Departments, State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and Private sector in September 2017.

(c) and (d) Under Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD schemes Ministry is focusing on development of tourist circuits and destinations in the country in a planned and sustainable manner by developing world class infrastructure. Eco-Circuit has also been identified as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

Under Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD Schemes since its launch in January 2015 Ministry has sanctioned 88 projects for ₹ 6236 Crores. The details of the projects sanctioned under both schemes are given in the Statement.

*Statement**The State/UT-wise details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD schemes*

(A) Swadesh Darshan Scheme				(₹ in crore)
Sl. No.	State/UT	Name of the Circuit	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned
1	2	3	4	5
Year 2014-15				
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit	Development of Mega Circuit at Bhalukpong- Bomdila and Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.	49.77
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit	Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World Class Coastal & Eco Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh	69.83
			TOTAL OF 2014-15	119.6
Year 2015-16				
3.	Manipur	North-East Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal- Moirang- Khongjom-Moreh.	89.66
4.	Sikkim	North-East Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit linking Rangpo (entry)-Rorathang- Aritar-Phadamchen- Nathang-Sherathang-Tsongmo- Gangtok-Phodong- Mangan-Lachung-Yumthang- Lachen- Thangu-Gurudongmer- Mangan- Gangtok-TuminLingee- Singtam (exit) in Sikkim.	98.05

1	2	3	4	5
5.	Uttarakhand	Eco Circuit	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake and Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri, Uttarakhand.	80.37
6.	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations in Rajasthan under Desert Circuit.	63.96
7.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren-Kohima- Wokha, Nagaland	97.36
8.	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna- Mukundpur- Sanjay- Dubri-Bandhavgarh- Kanha- Mukki- Pench in Madhya Pradesh.	92.22
9.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Andhra Pradesh.	59.70
10.	Telangana	Eco Circuit	Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district, Telangana.	91.62
11.	Kerala	Eco Circuit	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady as Eco Tourism Circuit in Idduki and Pathanamthitta Districts in Kerala.	99.22
12.	Mizoram	North East Circuit	Integrated Development of New Eco Tourism under Swadesh Darshan- North East Circuit at Thenzawl and South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek, Mizoram.	94.91
13.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit	Development of Manas- Probitora-Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa as Wildlife Circuit in Assam.	95.67

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14.	Puducherry	Coastal Circuit	Development of Union Territory of Puducherry as Tourist Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme (Coastal Circuit).	85.28
15.	Arunachal Pradesh	North East Circuit	Integrated Development of New Adventure Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh.	97.14
16.	Tripura	North East Circuit	Development of North East Circuit: Agartala-Sipahijala-Melaghar-Udaipur- Amarpur- Tirthamukh-Mandirghat- Dumboor- Narikel Kunja-Gandachara- Ambassa in Tripura.	99.59
17.	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur-Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj-Bakkhlai-Henry Island in West Bengal.	85.39
18.	Chhattisgarh	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal Tourism Circuit in Jashpur-Kunkuri-Mainpat-Ambikapur- Maheshpur -Ratanpur-Kurdar-Sarodadadar Gangrel-Kondagaon -Nathyanawagaon-Jagdalspur Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh in Chhattisgarh.	99.94
19.	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit in Maharashtra under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	82.17
TOTAL OF 2015-16				1512.25
Year 2016-17				
20.	Goa	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail) in Goa.	99.99

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1	2	3	4	5
21.	Jammu and Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourism Infrastructure Projects in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.	82.97
22.	Telangana	Tribal Circuit	Integrated Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram- Medavaram- Tadvai- Damaravi- Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls as Tribal Circuit in Telangana.	84.40
23.	Meghalaya	North Circuit	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng Mawdiangdiang-Orchid Lake Resort, Meghalaya.	99.13
24.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar in Madhya Pradesh.	74.94
25.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.	99.99
26.	Karnataka	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit in Dakshin Kannada Distt., Uttar Kannada Distt. and Udupi Distt. in Karnataka.	95.67
27.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit - Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple - Shri Gopinath Temple - Shri Bungshibodon Temple -Shri Kaina Temple, Manipur.	53.80
28.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit in Ahmedabad-Rajkot-Porbandar-Bardoli-Dandi in Gujarat.	93.48
29.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra, Haryana.	97.35

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30.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit	Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand) in Rajasthan.	91.45
31.	Sikkim	North East Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam- Maka- Temi- Bermoik Tokel-Phongia- Namchi -Jorthang- Okharey-Sombaria- Daramdin-Jorethang-Melli (Exit) in Sikkim.	95.32
32.	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit (Gwalior-Orchha-Khajuraho-Chanderi-Bhimbetka-Mandu) Madhya Pradesh.	99.77
33.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula- Sabrimala-as a Spiritual Circuit in Kerala.	92.44
34.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Jain Circuit: Vaishali-Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri-Champapuri as Spiritual Circuit in Bihar.	52.39
35.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj-Dharmshala- Deoghar under Spiritual Circuit in Bihar.	52.35
36.	Odisha	Coastal Circuit	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara as Coastal Circuit in Odisha.	76.49
37.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal Circuit (Mokokchung-Tuensang-Mon) in Nagaland.	99.67
38.	Uttarakhand	Heritage Circuit	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region - Katarmal -Jogeshwar-Baijnath-Devidhura in Uttarakhand.	81.94

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39.	Jammu and Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama under Himalayan Circuit theme in J&K.	96.38
40.	Jammu and Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities under the Construction of Assets in lieu of those Destroyed in Floods in 2014 under PM Development Package for J&K.	98.70
41.	Jammu and Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai-Sudhmahadev-Patnitop under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.	97.82
42.	Jammu and Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Anantnag- Kishtwar-Pahalgam - Daksum - Ranjit Sagar Dam under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.	96.39
43.	Jammu and Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla-Kupwara-Leh Circuit under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.	96.93
44.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit -Srawasti, Kushinagar, and Kapilvastu in Uttar Pradesh.	99.97
45.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur as Ramayana Circuit in Uttar Pradesh.	69.45
46.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Long Island-Ross Smith Island-Neil Island-Havelock Island - Baratang Island - Port Blair) in	42.19

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			Andaman and Nicobar under Coastal thematic circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	
47.	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Chennai- Mamamallapuram Rameshwaram Manpadu Kanyakumari) in Tamil Nadu under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	99.92
48.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit (Shahjahanpur-Basti- Ahar-Aligarh- Kasgunj-Sarosi-Pratapgarh-Unnao- Kaushambi - Mirzapur - Gorakpur- Kairana- Doamriyagunj- Bagpat-Barabanki- Azamgarh).	76.00
49.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit-II (Bijnor-Meerut-Kanpur-Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur-Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh-Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra-Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi) in Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	62.96
50.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit (Kalinjar Fort (Banda)-Marhar Dham (SantKabir Nagar)-ChauriChaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)-Mavahar Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut) in Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	41.51
51.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist circuit-Construction of Cultural Centre at Bodhgaya, Bihar.	98.73
52.	Assam	Heritage Circuit	Development of Tezpur - Majuli -Sibsagar as Heritage Circuit in Assam under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	98.35

1	2	3	4	5
53.	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Himalayan Circuit in Himachal Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan scheme	99.76
54.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl -Rawpuichhip-Khawhpawp-Lengpui-Durtlang-Chatlang-Sakawrhmutaitlang-Muthee -Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang under Eco circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.07
55.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit- Churu (Salasar Balaji) - Jaipur (Shri Samode Balaji, Ghat ke Balaji, Bandhe ke Balaji)-Alwar (Pandupole Hanumanji, Bharathari)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) - MehandipurBalaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji) in Rajasthan under Swadesh Darshan scheme	93.90
56.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage circuit: Vadnagar- Modhera and Patan in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.81
TOTAL OF 2016-17				3191.38
Year 2017-18				
57.	Bihar	Rural Circuit	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa-Chandrahia-Turkaulia in Bihar under Rural Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	44.65

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58.	Goa	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek-Don Paula - Colva -Benaulim in Goa under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	99.35
59.	Gujarat	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Junagadh- Gir-Somnath-Bharuch-Kutch-Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	35.99
60.	Puducherry	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit in Puducherry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	66.35
61.	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit in Puducherry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	40.68
62.	Rajasthan	Heritage Circuit	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
63.	Telangana	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit: Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs-Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb in Telangana under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	99.42

1	2	3	4	5
64.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Mandar Development Hill and Ang Pradesh under Spiritual Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	53.49
65.	Madhya Pradesh	Eco Circuit	Development of Gandhisagar Dam-Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam-Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River under Eco circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	99.62
66.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Ayodhya under Ramayana Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	133.31
67.	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam-Thotlakonda- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda- Amravati- Anupu in Andhra Pradesh under the theme of Buddhist Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	52.34
TOTAL OF 2017-18				824.8
GRAND TOTAL TILL DATE				5648.03

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(B) PRASHAD scheme

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3	4
2014-15			
1.	Bihar	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	4.27
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	14.93
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura	9.36
4.	Odisha	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham- Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	50.00
2015-16			
5.	Punjab	Development of KarunaSagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	6.45
6.	Rajasthan	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	40.44
7.	Assam	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	33.98
8.	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	28.36
9.	Bihar	Development at Patna Sahib	41.54
10.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi	20.40
11.	Uttarakhand	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	34.78
2016-17			
12.	Gujarat	Development of Dwarka	26.23
13.	Tamil Nadu	Development of Kanchipuram	16.48
14.	Tamil Nadu	Development of Vellankani	5.60
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	Development at Hazratbal	42.02

1	2	3	4
16.	West Bengal	Development of Belur	30.03
17.	Kerala	Development at Guruvayur Temple	46.14
18.	Gujarat	Development of pilgrimage amenities at Somnath	37.44
2017-18			
19.	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Omkareshwar	40.67
20.	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Srisailem Temple	47.45
21.	Uttar Pradesh	Cruse Tourism in River Ganga, Varanasi	10.72
TOTAL SINCE 2014-15 TILL DATE			587.29

Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu

1909. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned any Rural Circuit Theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu since the inception of the Scheme in the year 2014-15;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the funds earmarked under this scheme for the State of Tamil Nadu since 2014-15?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI K. J. ALPHONS): (a) to (c) Rural Circuit has been identified as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development under Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Ministry of Tourism.

Under Swadesh Darshan Scheme funds are not earmarked for the States. The projects under the scheme are identified in consultation with the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

The Ministry has sanctioned a project 'Development of Coastal Circuit (Chennai-Mamallapuram - Rameshwaram - Manpadu - Kanyakumari) in Tamil Nadu' under coastal Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in 2016-17 for ₹ 99.92 Crore.