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| | | Mishrikh-Bhadohi) in Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme | |
| 5. | Swadesh Darshan (2016-17) | Development of Heritage Circuit (Kalinjar Fort (Banda)-MarharDham (SantKabir Nagar)-Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)-MavaharSthal (Ghosi)-Shaheed Smarak (Meerut) | 34.82 |
| 6. | Swadesh Darshan (2017-18) | Development in Ayodhya under Ramayana Circuit Theme | 133.3 |
| 7. | Swadesh Darshan (2018-19) | Development of Spiritual-III (Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda) | 14.52 |
| 8. | Prashad (2014-15) | Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II) | 14.93 |
| 9. | Prashad (2014-15) | Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura | 9.36 |
| 10. | Prashad (2015-16) | Development of Varanasi-I | 20.4 |
| 11. | Prashad (2017-18) | Cruise Tourism in River Ganga, Varanasi | 10.72 |
| 12. | Prashad (2017-18) | Development of Varanasi Under PRASHAD Scheme-II | 62.82 |
| TOTAL | | | 602.45 |

Development of Ahilya Sthan

†2236. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on a scheme named as 'Ramayan Circuit' to develop the sites connected with the lives of Lord Rama and Mata Sita as modern and world class tourist destinations, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether 'Ahilya Sthan' situated in Mithila region is also being developed under the Ramayan Circuit and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI K. J. ALPHONS): (a) and (b) Ramayana Circuit is one of the fifteen thematic circuits identified for development under the Swadesh Darshan scheme of Ministry of Tourism. The Ministry has initially identified fifteen destinations for development under the Ramayana Circuit theme namely Ayodhya, Nandigram, Shringverpur and Chitrakoot (Uttar Pradesh), Sitamarhi, Buxar and Darbhanga (Bihar), Chitrakoot (Madhya Pradesh),

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Mahendragiri (Odisha), Jagdalpur (Chhattisgarh), Nashik and Nagpur (Maharashtra), Bhadrachalam (Telangana), Hampi (Karnataka) and Rameshwaram (Tamil Nadu).

The projects for development 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 of Tourism has not sanctioned any project for the development of tourism infrastructure at Ahilya Sthan in Bihar under the scheme.

Central financial assistance for tourism projects

2237. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided any Central financial assistance for tourism projects in several places of tourist interest in the country even though it is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territories concerned;

(b) if so, the total amount spent on tourism projects by Government across India since last three years; and

(c) whether any of the tourist spots such as Darjeeling Hills or Places of historical importance in the State of West Bengal received any such Central financial assistance, since the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI K. J. ALPHONS): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tourism under the schemes of Swadesh Darshan-Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuits and PRASHAD (National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive), provides Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure in the country.

The details of projects sanctioned under the above schemes during the last three years and the current financial year including the State of West Bengal are given in Statement.