

Expansion of Ramayan Circuit

†1074. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Government's scheme to expand the Ramayan circuit;
- (b) whether any new places of Bihar have been included under the expansion of this circuit including Buxar; and
- (c) the details of the schemes adopted for the development/expansion of the pilgrimages related to Lord Ram under the Ramayan circuit and the details of the funds allocated under this head?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI K. J. ALPHONS): (a) and (b) Ramayana Circuit is one of the 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 namely Sitamarhi, Buxar and Darbhanga (Bihar), Ayodhya, Nandigram, Shringverpur and Chitrakoot (Uttar Pradesh), Chitrakoot (Madhya Pradesh), Mahendragiri (Odisha), Jagdalpur (Chhattisgarh), Nashik and Nagpur (Maharashtra), Bhadrachalam (Telangana), Hampi (Karnataka) and Rameshwaram (Tamil Nadu).

(c) The details of projects sanctioned by the Ministry under the Ramayana Circuit theme are as below:

(₹ in crore)			
Sl. No.	State/UT and Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	Uttar Pradesh 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45
2.	Uttar Pradesh 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	133.31
TOTAL			202.76

Promotion of tourism in NCT of Delhi

1075. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is decrease in number of tourists in NCT of Delhi in last three years;

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