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3.	Swadesh Darshan 2016-17	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula-Sabrimala under Spiritual Circuit	92.22
4.	Swadesh Darshan 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project under Rural Circuit	80.37
5.	Swadesh Darshan 2018-19	Development of Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania- Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam under Spiritual Circuit	69.47
6.	Swadesh Darshan 2018-19	Development of Kasaragod, Wayanad, Kannur, Kozhikode, Palakkad, Mallapuram, Thrichur, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam, Allaphuza, Pathananamithitta, Kollam, Trivandrum under Spiritual Circuit	85.23
7.	PRASHAD 2016-17	Development at Guruvayur Temple	46.14
TOTAL			549.97

Identification and development of new tourist spots

1081. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to identify new tourist spots in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of new tourist spots added during the said period, State-wise;

(c) the number of tourist spots in the country as on date, along with the number of new places being developed by the Government to boost tourism; and

(d) the possibility of increase in tourists and revenue from these newly developed tourist spots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI K. J. ALPHONS): (a) to (d) Identification and development of tourist sites/destinations is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory

Administration. However, Ministry of Tourism under the Schemes of Swadesh Darshan and the PRASHAD (National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive) provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for the development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities to provide an enriching tourism experience to visitors.

Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, 15 theme based circuits have been identified for development which are Buddhist Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Desert Circuit, Eco Circuit, Heritage Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Krishna Circuit, North-East Circuit, Ramayana Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Sufi Circuit, Tirthankar Circuit, Tribal Circuit and Wildlife Circuit.

Under the PRASHAD Scheme, 41 religious cities/sites in 25 States have been identified for development which are Amaravati and Srisailem (Andhra Pradesh), Kamakhya (Assam), Parasuram Kund (Lohit District, Arunachal Pradesh), Patna and Gaya (Bihar), Balmeshwari Devi Temple (Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh), Dwarka and Somnath (Gujarat), Gurudwara Nada Saheb (Panchkula, Haryana), Maa Chintpurni (Una, Himachal Pradesh), Hazratbal and Katra (Jammu and Kashmir), Deogarh and Parasnath (Jharkhand), Chamundeshwari Devi (Mysuru, Karnataka), Guruvayoor, St. Thomas International Shrine (Malayattoor) and Cheraman Juma Mosque (Thrissur, Kerala), Omkareshwar and Amarkantak (Madhya Pradesh), Babedpara, West Jaintia Hills and Sohra (Meghalaya), Aizwal (Mizoram), Kohima and Mokokchung Districts (Nagaland), Trimbakeshwar (Maharashtra), Puri (Odisha), Amritsar (Punjab), Ajmer (Rajasthan), Kanchipuram and Vellankani (Tamil Nadu), Tripura Sundari (Tripura), Varanasi, and Mathura (Uttar Pradesh), Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri (Uttarakhand) and Belur (West Bengal).

The details of projects sanctioned under the above schemes are given in the Statement [Refer to the Statement appended to answer to USQ No. 1079 Part (a) and (b)]

The projects sanctioned under the above schemes are under various stages of implementation. Once completed, the same would lead to increased footfalls to these tourism destinations/sites which in turn would help to increase revenue from tourism sector.

Development of sea beaches for tourism

1082. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the seashores in different parts of the country which are being developed as sea beaches for tourism purposes;