

(c) whether Government would like to initiate some steps to improve the infrastructure of tourism interest in order to attract more number of foreign tourists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India during 2016, 2017 and 2018 were 8.80 million, 10.04 million and 10.56 million (provisional) respectively.

(c) and (d) Development and promotion of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of concerned State Government/UT Administration. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has taken several steps for creation of tourism infrastructure in the country so as to attract more tourists, which *inter alia* include:

- (i) Launched two flagship schemes: Swadesh Darshan-Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits and PRASHAD-Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive. The projects under these schemes are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/UT 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.
- (ii) Pursuant to the Budget Announcements of 2018-19, this Ministry has identified 17 sites in 12 clusters in the country for development as Iconic Tourist Sites.
- (iii) The 'Adopt A Heritage: Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan', a collaborative effort by Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), State/UTs Governments, envisages developing heritage sites and making them tourist friendly, to enhance tourism potential and cultural importance in a planned and phased manner.
- (iv) Ministry provides Assistance to Central Agencies for the development of tourism related infrastructure in the country.

#### **Importance to pilgrim places for the development of tourism**

1888. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to give more importance to pilgrim places across the country for the development of tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government in this regard as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Tourism, under the schemes *viz.*, Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and “Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuit in the Country, Swadesh Darshan (SD)” provides Central Financial Assistance for infrastructure development and beautification of pilgrim places on receipt of suitable DPRs submitted by State Governments/Union Territories, subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilisation certificate against the fund released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines.

The details of the projects approved under the schemes by the Ministry of Tourism so far is given in Statement.

**Statement**

*Details of the projects approved under the schemes by the Ministry of Tourism*

(A) Detail of the projects approved under PRASAD Scheme

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project	Project Cost	Amount Released
<b>Year 2014-15</b>				
1.	Bihar	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	4.27	2.91
2.	Odisha	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham-Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	50.00	10.00
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	14.93	10.38
4.	Uttar Pradesh	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura	9.36	7.36
<b>Year 2015-16</b>				
5.	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	28.36	22.69
6.	Assam	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	30.71	22.03
7.	Bihar	Development at Patna Sahib	41.54	33.23
8.	Punjab	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	6.40	6.40
9.	Rajasthan	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	40.44	19.41
10.	Uttarakhand	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	34.78	27.83
11.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi	20.40	16.32

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Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project	Project Cost	Amount Released
<b>Year 2016-17</b>				
12.	Gujarat	Development of Dwarka	26.23	6.85
13.	Gujarat	Pilgrimage amenities at Somnath	37.44	26.51
14.	Jammu and Kashmir	Development at Hazratbal	42.02	25.45
15.	Kerala	Development at Guruvayur Temple	46.14	36.91
16.	Tamilnadu	Development of Kanchipuram	16.48	8.24
17.	Tamilnadu	Development of Vellankani	5.60	2.59
18.	West Bengal	Development of Belur	30.03	23.39
<b>Year 2017-18</b>				
19.	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Omkareshwar	40.67	18.76
20.	Uttar Pradesh	Cruise Tourism in River Ganga, Varanasi	10.72	5.14
21.	Maharashtra	Development of Trimbakeshwar	37.81	8.49
22.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi Under Prashad Scheme-II	44.60	10.21
23.	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Srisailam Temple in Andhra Pradesh under PRASHAD scheme	47.45	37.96
<b>Year 2018-19</b>				
24.	Uttarakhand	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham (Uttarakhand)	39.24	11.77
25.	Gujarat	Development of Promenade at Somnath	44.59	13.77

26.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Govardhan, Mathura	39.74	Adm. Sanction only on 08.01.2019
27.	Jharkhand	Development of Baidyanathji Dham, Deoghar	39.13	Admn. Appl only 24.01.2019
28.	Nagaland	Development of Pilgrimage Facilities in Nagaland	25.26	Adm. Appl. only 03.02.2019
TOTAL			854.34	414.60

(B) Details of Project Sanctioned Under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

					(₹ in crore)
Sl. No.	State/UT	Name of the Circuit	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amount released
1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Year 2016-17</b>					
1.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar in Madhya Pradesh.	74.94	54.51
2.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sabarimala-Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.	99.99	20.00
3.	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	40.14

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1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra, Haryana.	97.35	70.60
5.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit	Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand) in Rajasthan.	91.45	45.72
6.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamura-Sabrimala-as a Spiritual Circuit in Kerala.	92.22	72.42
7.	Bihar	Tirthankar circuit	Development of Tirthankar Circuit: Vaishali-Arrah-Masad-Patna-Rajgir-Pawapuri-Champapuri in Bihar.	52.39	26.19
8.	Bihar	Spiritual circuit	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj-Dharmshala-Deoghar under Spiritual circuit in Bihar.	52.35	26.17
9.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit-Srawasti, Kushinagar, and Kapilvastu in Uttar Pradesh.	99.97	45.03
10.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur as Ramayana Circuit in Uttar Pradesh.	69.45	52.17
11.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit (Shahjahanpur-Basti- Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi-Pratapgarh-Unnao-Kaushambi- Mirzapur-Gorakpur-Kairana- Doamriyaganj-Bagpat-Barabanki-Azamgarh).	68.39	54.71
12.	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.	63.77	50.33

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13.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist circuit-Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya, Bihar.	98.73	19.75
14.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit-Churu (Salasar Balaji)-Jaipur (Shri Samode Balaji, Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)-Alwar (Pandupole Hanumanji, Bharathari)-Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)-Bharatpur (Kaman Region)-Dholpur (Muchkund)-Mehandipur Balaji-Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji) in Rajasthan under Swadesh Darshan scheme.	93.90	46.95
<b>Year 2017-18</b>					
15.	Gujarat	Buddhist circuit	Development of Buddhist circuit: Junagadh-Gir Somnath-Bharuch-Kutch-Bhavnagar-Rajkot-Mehsana in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan scheme.	35.99	7.20
16.	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit in Puducherry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	40.68	19.26
17.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh under Spiritual Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	53.49	10.70
18.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Ayodhya under Ramayana Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	133.31	66.65
19.	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	10.47

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1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Year 2018-19</b>					
20.	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Waki-Adasa-Dhapewada-Paradsingha-Chota Taj Bagh-Telankhandi-Girad in Maharashtra.	54.01	0.00
21.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda in Uttar Pradesh.	14.52	0.00
22.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram-Arruvipuram-Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania-Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam.	69.47	0.00
23.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Kasaragod, Wayanad, Kannur, Kozhikode, Palakkad, Mallapuram, Thrichur, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam, Allaphuza, Pathananamithitta, Kollam, Trivandrum.	85.23	0.00
24.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj).	21.16	0.00
TOTAL				1668.90	738.97

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