

**Inclusion of places related to lord Ram in Ramayana circuit**

†1891. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the places related to lord Ram included in the proposed Ramayana circuit to promote the religious tourism in Bihar;

(b) the planning of Government for the development of this circuit and infrastructure at these religious places for the tourists; and

(c) the amount made available for this purpose so far and details of the work completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tourism has initially identified fifteen destinations for development under the Ramayana Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme namely Ayodhya, Nandigram, Shringverpur and Chitrakoot (Uttar Pradesh), Sitamarhi, Buxar and Darbhanga (Bihar), Chitrakoot (Madhya Pradesh), Mahendragiri (Odisha), Jagdalpur (Chattisgarh), Nashik and Nagpur (Maharashtra), Bhadrachalam (Telangana), Hampi (Karnataka) and Rameshwaram (Tamil Nadu).

The Ministry has requested the State Governments to formulate project proposals to be undertaken under the Ramayana circuit for development. The projects are sanctioned subject to their adherence to relevant scheme guidelines, submission of suitable detailed project reports, availability of funds and utilization of funds released earlier.

Based on the above, the Ministry has sanctioned the following projects under the Ramayana Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme:—

(₹ in crore)				
Sl. No.	Name of State and Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1.	Uttar Pradesh (2016-17)	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45	52.17
2.	Uttar Pradesh (2017-18)	Development of Ayodhya	133.31	66.65

The work is under progress for both the projects.

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