

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1748#
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ADDITION OF KAPILVASTU IN BUDDHIST CIRCUIT

1748#. SHRI BRIJLAL:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kapilvastu is being considered to be developed and added as a tourist destination in the "Buddhist Circuit" like the other Buddhist sites given the fact that "Piparhwa" (now "Kapilvastu"), excavated by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in 1972 in Siddhartha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh in which the ruins of Stupa and Palace were found; the urn of Lord Buddha was found in the stupa, which is kept in Delhi museum at present; Kapilvastu has been established as the birthplace of Lord Buddha, where foreign tourists also visit; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (b): Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism, under 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme provides financial assistance to State Governments/ Union Territory (UT) Administrations/Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure.

The Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan scheme has sanctioned a project 'Development of Buddhist Circuit – Srawasti, Kushinagar & Kapilvastu' in the year 2016-17 for an amount of Rs. 99.97 Crore out of which Rs.35.46 Crore has been sanctioned for development of various components at Kapilvastu.
