

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
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INCLUSION OF PUNAURA DHAM UNDER PRASAD SCHEME

304. Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Bihar has requested to include ₹ 3686.96 lakh scheme for the development of Punaura Dham, the birth place of Mother Janki in Sitamarhi district in the State of Bihar under the PRASAD Scheme;
- (b) the status of approval of the scheme and by when the funds would be released; and
- (c) the details of the other schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' Scheme in the State of Bihar?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Sir, earlier, as per the request received from the State Government of Bihar, Ministry of Tourism has included Punaura Dham in the Ramayana circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme. After some progress such as holding of Concept Presentation Meeting and the site visit, the work for approval of the project could not proceed ahead as the scheme went under review. Hence, the State Government of Bihar has submitted a proposal for development of Punaura Dham under PRASHAD Scheme. On the request of the State Government, the destination of Punaura Dham has been recently included under PRASHAD Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism.

(c): Details of the projects approved under Swadesh Darshan Scheme for the State of Bihar is given below:

- Development of Thirthankar Circuit in Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri under Jain theme, approved in the year 2016-17 at the cost of Rs. 37.20 Cr. A amount of Rs. 26.11 Cr. has been released till date.
- Integrated Development of Spiritual Circuit at Sultanganj – Dharmshala - Deoghar under Spiritual theme, approved in the year 2016-17 at the cost of Rs. 44.76 Cr. A amount of Rs. 42.52 Cr. has been released till date.

- Development of Buddhist circuit - Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya approved in the year 2016-17 at the cost of Rs. 98.73 Cr. A amount of Rs. 93.22 Cr. has been released till date.
- Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa - Chandrahia - Turkaulia under Rural theme approved in the year 2017-18 at the cost of Rs. 44.65 Cr. An amount of Rs. 35.72 Cr. has been released till date.
- Development of Pilgrimage Circuit in Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh under Spiritual theme approved in the year 2017-18 at the cost of Rs. 47.53 crore. A amount of Rs. 38.02 Cr. has been released till date.
