

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.466 #
ANSWERED ON 28.11.2024

RELIGIOUS TOURIST PLACES

466 # DR. LAXMIKANT BAJPAYEE:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps for revival of religious places to boost tourism in the country, and if so, the details of the steps taken so far; and
- (b) the details of religious places, especially to promote tourism in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise and area-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): The Ministry of Tourism under its Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme aims to develop infrastructure at pre-identified religious and heritage sites across the country. Under the Scheme, the Ministry provides financial assistance to State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for the development of tourism infrastructure at these sites. Under the PRASHAD scheme the Ministry has sanctioned a total of 46 projects at a cost of ₹1605.20 crore across the country.

In addition, under Swadesh Darshan Scheme, the Ministry under various themes based circuits like Spiritual Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Heritage Circuit, Ramayana Circuit, etc., has sanctioned a total of 76 projects for ₹5287.90 Crore.

Moreover, the Ministry, through its ongoing scheme of 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' extends financial assistance to Central Agencies for tourism infrastructure development.

The Ministry also regularly promotes various tourism destinations and products, including religious tourism, through its website and social media platforms.

The details of the projects sanctioned under different schemes as maintained by Ministry of Tourism in Uttar Pradesh are annexed.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.466 # ANSWERED ON 28.11.2024 REGARDING RELIGIOUS TOURIST PLACES BY DR. LAXMIKANT BAJPAYEE.

List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Uttar Pradesh:

State/UT	S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost (Rs. in Crore)
Uttar Pradesh	1	Development of Varanasi –Phase –I	2015-16	18.73
	2	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98
	3	Development of River Cruise Tourism at Varanasi	2017-18	9.02
	4	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan	2014-15	9.36
	5	Development of Varanasi – Phase II	2017-18	44.60
	6	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	2018-19	37.59

List of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Uttar Pradesh:

State/UT	S. No.	Circuit Name	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Crore)
Uttar Pradesh	1	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	87.89
	2	Ramayana Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45
	3	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh- Kausambi-Mirzapur-Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj-Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-Kairana- Baghpat- Shahjahanpur	71.91
	4	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi	67.51
	5	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mahuar shaheed Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)	36.65
	6	Ramayana	Development of Ayodhya	127.21

	Circuit 2017-18		
7	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda	12.03
8	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	18.30

List of projects sanctioned under Assistance to Central Agencies Scheme in Uttar Pradesh:

State	Sl. No	Name of Project	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in Crore)
Uttar Pradesh	1	Illumination of monuments in Varanasi/Sarnath (Dhamekh Stupa in SarnathChaukhandi Stupa in Sarnath, Tomb of Lalkan in Sarnath and Man Mahal in Banaras).	5.12
	2	Illumination of three monuments in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh- 1. Dashashwamedh Ghat to Darbhanga Ghat (stretch of 300m) 2. Tulsi Manas Mandir 3. Sarnath Museum	2.93
