

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2943
ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023**

FUNDS SPENT IN KOSHI REGION UNDER SDS

2943. CH. MEHBOOB ALI KAISER:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the site-wise amount of funds spent by the Government in Koshi region under the Ramayana Circuit, Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and Swadesh Darshan Schemes;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to develop Katyayani Asthan a famous pilgrimage site in the Koshi region of Bihar where there is a temple of Lord Rama, Lakshman and Maa Janki under the Swadesh Darshan or PRASHAD Scheme or any other schemes;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, whether a feasibility study will be undertaken for the same and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): Development of tourist destinations is primarily the responsibility of respective State/Union Territory Administration (UTA). However, the Ministry of Tourism under its schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' provides financial assistance to State/UTA for development of tourist infrastructure in the country in consultation with the respective State/UT. The projects are sanctioned subject to adherence to guidelines, detailed project report, availability of funds etc.

The Ministry of Tourism has not formulated feasibility study to develop Katyayani Asthan, Bihar. However, a total of 07 projects have been sanctioned in Bihar under the schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'PRASHAD' which includes places of worship. The detail of these project is annexed.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2943 ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023 REGARDING FUNDS SPENT IN KOSHI REGION UNDER SDS

LIST OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED IN BIHAR UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN AND PRASHAD SCHEMES

(Amount in ₹ crore)

S. No	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
SWADESH DARSHAN			
1	Tirthankar Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	33.96
2	Spiritual Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76
3	Buddhist Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	95.18
4	Rural Circuit/ 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.27
5	Spiritual Circuit/ 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	44.55
PRASHAD			
6	2015-16	Development at Patna Sahib	41.54
7	2014-15	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	4.27
