

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1349  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2023**

**RESTORATION OF OLD TEMPLES AND MONASTERIES**

†1349. SHRI R.K. SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to restore the old temples and monasteries of public importance located in the country including those in Chitrakoot and Banda region of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any plan to develop small tourist destinations in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) There are 3697 ancient monuments and archaeological sites and remains of national & importance under care and maintenance of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the
- (b) country. Conservation and restoration of these monuments and sites including ancient temples and monasteries is a regular process and is taken up as per the requirement and availability of resources.

Conservation of (i) Priest house at Ramnagar, Karvi, (ii) Stone temple, Ganesh bagh at Karvi and (iii) Temple in centre of tank at Karvi in Chitrakoot District have been undertaken by ASI.

- (c) Ministry of Tourism has launched a scheme called Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the & objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations. As per the SD2.0
- (d) scheme guidelines, the State Governments/UT Administrations prepare a State Perspective Plan (SPP) analysing tourism potential of various destinations based on the features like major tourism attractions, offerings, connectivity, current tourism eco system, state support etc. Accordingly, the Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the respective State Government/UT Administration selects destinations for development. The Ministry of Tourism has notified 55 destinations in the country for development under the scheme, the list of which is attached in Annexure-I.

**Annexure-I**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1349 FOR 11.12.2023.**

**DETAILS OF DESTINATIONS NOTIFIED UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN 2.0**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>States/Union Territory</b>	<b>Name of Destinations</b>	<b>Number of Destinations</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Gandikota, Arakku-Lambasingi	2
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nacho, Mechuka	2
3.	Assam	Jorhat, Kokrajhar	2
4.	Bihar	Gaya, Nalanda	2
5.	Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur, Jagdalpur	2
6.	Goa	Porvorim, Colva	2
7.	Gujarat	Dholavira, Dwarka	2
8.	Haryana	Panchkula (Morni)	1
9.	Himachal Pradesh	Pong Dam	1
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	Basholi	1
11.	Jharkhand	Chandil	1
12.	Karnataka	Hampi, Mysuru	2
13.	Kerala	Kumarakom, Kozhikode (Beypore)	2
14.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior, Chitrakoot	2
15.	Maharashtra	Sindhudurg	1
16.	Manipur	Moirang (Bishnupur)	1
17.	Meghalaya	Shillong, Sohra	2
18.	Mizoram	Aizawl, Champhai	2
19.	Nagaland	Niuland, Chumukedima	2
20.	Odisha	Koraput	1
21.	Punjab	Amritsar, Kapurthala	2
22.	Rajasthan	Bundi (Keshoraipatan), Jodhpur	2
23.	Sikkim	Gangtok, Gyalshing	2
24.	Tamil Nadu	Mamallapuram, The Nilgiris	2
25.	Telangana	Bhongir, Ananthagiri	2
26.	Tripura	Agartala, Unakoti	2
27.	Uttar Pradesh	Prayagraj, Naimisharanya	2
28.	Uttarakhand	Pittoragarh, Champavat	2
29.	Chandigarh	Chandigarh	1
30.	Lakshadweep	Lakshadweep	1
31.	Puducherry	Puducherry, Kariakal	2
32.	Ladakh	Leh, Kargil	2
		<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>

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