

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM AND CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2777  
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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN UTTAR PRADESH  
BALIRAM

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware of vast tourism potential in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the areas identified in the State which can be developed as tourist spots jointly by the Union and the State Government;
- (c) whether the Government have formulated any comprehensive action plan to develop tourism in the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked/released by the Union Government to the State Government for the purpose?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE ( SHRI JAGMOHAN )

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d): Tourism projects are identified in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and sanctioned on merits subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority. This is a continuous process. During the year 2002-03, the following development works were sanctioned by the Department of Tourism in Uttar Pradesh as part of Vaishali-Nalanda-Rajgir-Bodhgaya-Varanasi tourist circuit :-

S.No	Items of works	Amount sanctioned
	(Rs. in lakhs)	
1.	Development of facilities and landscaping around Maharani Laxmi Bai Memorial, Varanasi.	90.00
2.	Development of Dhammacakkappavattana Udyan at Sarnath	200.00
3.	Signages	5.00
	Total	295.00

The Department of Culture has also sanctioned the following projects in Uttar Pradesh:-

S.No.	Items of work	Amount sanctioned
	(Rs. in lakhs)	
1.	Development works at Bateshwar	25.00
2.	Development works at Dudhai	25.00
3.	Development works at Sironji	20.00
4.	Development works at Vehlana	19.34

5. Development works at Hastinapur	14.80
6. Development works at Badagaon	24.92
7. Development of birth place of Suparasnath at Bhadaini	43.29
8. Development of birth place of Parashwnath at Bhelupur	30.84
9. Development of birth place of Shreyansnath at Sarnath	49.35
10. Upgrading of the existing Prabhawati Devi Memorial Government Girls Intermediate College at Sitabdiara	102.97
11. Development of wasteland which exists in the Shaheed Smarak Park	100.00
12. Setting up a documentation-cum-history centre at the Shaheed Smarak Park	276.99

Total 732.50