

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST PLACES IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are cultural and religious places belonging to the Ramayana and ancients period in Madhubani and Darbhanga districts of Bihar, which are important from the point of tourism;
- (b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;
- (c) if so, the name and address of these places and the amount allocated for their development;
- (d) the steps taken for extension, construction and to provide all civic amenities for travelers at shelters in the Parikarma Marg in Janakpur in Bihar;
- (e) whether there is any scheme to develop all the places related to the Ramayana period into a tourist circuit on the lines of Buddhist circuit in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

- (a) to (c): Yes, Madam. As per information received from State Government of Bihar, few places in Madhubani and Darbhanga districts such as Girija Sthan, Phulhar and Ahilya Sthan, Kamtaul, Darbhanga have been identified and projects have been sanctioned.
- (d): The State Government has informed that no such scheme has been sanctioned by them.
- (e) & (f): The State Government has identified several places falling under Ramayana Circuit. Projects for the development of tourist amenities in such places are being made in a phase-wise manner for the overall development of this circuit. At present, Janaki Sthan, Punaura and Haleshwar Sthan at Sitamarhi, Girija Sthan, Phulhar at Madhubani and Ahilya Sthan, Kamtaul at Darbhanga, Ram Rekha Ghat at Buxar are some of the schemes that have been sanctioned by the State Government.