

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has appointed any expert team to study the tourism potential in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its date of appointment;
- (c) whether the Committee has since presented its report to the Government and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there have been any possibilities for development of Eco-Tourism in the State; and
- (e) if so, the assistance provided by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Tourism had engaged M/s. IL&FS IDC Ltd. on 01.07.2011 as National Level Consultant (NLC) for identification of tourism circuits in different States/Union Territories (UTs) including Bihar (except North Eastern States).

(c): Yes, Madam. NLC had submitted the final reports of the circuits identified and the same has been accepted by the Ministry of Tourism. The Tourism Circuits identified by the National Level Consultant for the State of Bihar are given below:

Buddhist Circuit: Bodhgaya Nalanda- Rajgir- Vaishali- Kahalgaon- Patna

Ramayana Circuit: Tar Ahirauli Ram Rekha Ghat Pretshila hills Giddheshwar Kako Singheshwar Asthan Phullahar Sitakund Sitamarhi Revelganj Ramchura Ahilya Asthan Janki Temple Sitamarhi janki Temple Punaura Haleshwar Asthan Panth Pakar Chanki garh Valmiki nagar Sitakund

Sufi Circuit: Bibi Kamal Sahiba at kako Munger Hazrat Jandaha at Hajipur Hajipur karbala Mane- rsharif Phulwarisharif Khankah Emadia at Mangal Talab Dargah Sharif at Mithan Ghat Dargah of Shah Arzani Bihar Sharif Mousoleum of Muslim saint Data Kambal Shah Pakki Sarai Amjhar Sharif Pimagar

Jain Circuit: Bishram Masadh Lachhaur Kundghat Gonava Jee Kamaldah Kundalpur Jalmandir Samosaran Maniyar Math Sone Bhandar Veerayatan Kundgram Mandar Hill - Champanagar

(d) and (e): Development and promotion of tourism including the Eco-Tourism projects is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations.

However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to States/UTs for the tourism projects including those for Eco-Tourism projects prioritized in consultation with them subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority, adherence to the scheme guidelines and liquidation of pending utilization certificates against the funds released earlier.

The number of projects sanctioned and amount sanctioned for the State Bihar during 12th Five Year Plan are as follows:

12th Five Year Plan

(`in lakh)

Year No.	of projects	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
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2012-13	1	500.00	100.00
2013-14	14	11109.85	3255.08
2014-15	1	474.55	94.91
Total	16	12084.40	449.99

Ministry of Tourism has also sanctioned Eco Tourism Development at Bhimbandh (Munger), Bihar and Eco- Tourism Development of Valmikinagar (West Champaran) in Bihar with a sanctioned amount of `447.07 lakhs and `300.06 lakth, respectively.