

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4283  
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DEVELOPMENT OF PAKHNAHA KAMKUHI BRIDGE  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any plans for the development of Buddhist circuit to Kesariya via Patna and Kushinagar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any plan for development of a bridge (Pakhnaha-Kamkuhi) which will reduce the distance between Nandangarh and Kushinagar thereby leading to an increase in the flow of tourists;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism has proposed to develop Buddhist Circuit under its newly launched Scheme SWADESH DARSHAN. Places identified for development under the said circuit are Bodh Gaya, Rajgir, Vaishali in Bihar and Kapilavastu, Samath, Sravasti, Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh.
- (c) to (e): The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that there is no proposal for development of a project between Nandangarh and Kushinagar as of date.