

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5362  
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2015  
MEGA TOURISM PROJECTS  
Bharathi Mohan Shri R.K.;Hemamalini Smt.

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

- (a) whether the Government has mooted a proposal for Mega tourism projects to promote tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of such projects allocated to various States in the country including Uttar Pradesh along with the new tourist places identified for promotion of tourism in the country;
- (d) the time by which such tourist spots are likely to be brought under the tourism map;
- (e) whether some of these projects are pending due to lack of funds; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f): Ministry of Tourism (MOT) had a scheme for providing Central Financial Assistance (CFA) up to an amount of Rs.25.00 crore for Mega Destinations and Rs.50.00 crore for Mega Circuits respectively, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz. Project/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits (PIDDC) to various State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, prioritized in consultation with them, as per the Scheme Guidelines, inter-se priority, liquidation of pending utilization certificates against the funds released earlier and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

The State/UT-wise list of Mega destinations/ circuits sanctioned/identified, funds allocated and amount released till 31.12.2014 including for the State of Uttar Pradesh is given at Annexure-I.

For the current financial year 2015-16, no provision is available for States under the PIDDC. However, a budget provision of Rs.600.00 crore and Rs.100.00 crore respectively is available for the new schemes Swadesh Darshan & National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) launched by the Ministry of Tourism:

Under Swadesh Darshan for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits around Specific Themes. The following five circuits have been identified for development:-

- (i) North East Circuit
- (ii) Buddhist Circuit
- (iii) Himalayan Circuit
- (iv) Coastal Circuit
- (v) Krishna Circuit

Under PRASAD, initially twelve cities have been identified namely Ajmer, Amritsar, Amravati, Dwarka, Gaya, Kedarnath, Kanyakumari, Kanchipuram, Mathura, Puri, Varanasi and Velankanni.

The details of projects sanctioned under these new schemes are given in Annexure II.