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Linking of Chitrakoot Dham with Ramayana Circuit

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the important place of pilgrimage Chitrakoot Dham has been connected with the Ramayana Circuit;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated along with the names of the schemes under which allocation has been made for the development of the same;
- (c) the time by which the work on the said circuit is likely to begin; and
- (d) the time schedule fixed for completion of the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
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(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, for various tourism projects subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority, liquidation of utilization certificates and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines.

The Ministry has launched the Swadesh Darshan scheme with a vision to develop theme based tourist circuits on the principles of high tourist value, competitiveness and sustainability in an integrated manner by synergizing efforts to focus on needs and concerns of all stakeholders to enrich tourist experience and enhance employment opportunities. Under the scheme twelve themes have been identified for development. Ramayana Circuit is one such theme.

No proposal has so far been received from the State Government for connection of Chitrakoot Dham with the Ramayana Circuit. However, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs.309.88 lakh and Rs.361.61 lakh for the projects – Beautification work of Ramghat in District Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh and Beautification works of Kamad Giri Parikrama Path in District Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh respectively in 2013-14.
