

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.\*416  
ANSWERED ON 22.07.2019**

**JAINISM TOURIST CIRCUIT**

**\*416. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish Jainism Tourist Circuit in different parts of the country in near future;**
- (b) if so, the detailed list of proposed Tourist destinations to be developed thereunder, especially in Jhansi and nearby areas, along with the progress achieved so far in this regard; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

**(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA  
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REGARDING JAINISM TOURIST CIRCUIT.**

**(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme has identified Tirthankar Circuit as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development in the country. All the sites associated with Jainism are covered under this circuit.**

**The projects under the above scheme are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable Detailed Project Reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier. Based on the above criteria, Ministry has sanctioned the project “Development of Tirthankar Circuit: Vaishali-Arrah-Masad-Patna-Rajgir-Pawapuri-Champapuri in Bihar” for Rs.52.39 crores in 2016-17. The project is under implementation and Ministry has released Rs.26.19 crores for the project.**

**The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has not submitted any proposal under Tirthankar Circuit. However, a proposal for Development of Krantipath Jhansi-Lalitpur under Heritage Circuit has been submitted by the State Government.**

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