

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3406
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2019**

FUNDS SANCTIONED FOR TOURISM CIRCUITS IN ODISHA

3406. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the theme-based circuits in Odisha and funds sanctioned thereof under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme;**
- (b) in view of the Diamond triangle of Buddhism in Lalitgiri, Udaygiri and Ratnagiri, as well as the Buddhist Shanti Stupa at Dhauli, along with a large number of tribal people and PVTGs each having their unique culture in Odisha, whether the Government would consider including more circuits under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme in India especially under the Buddhist and Tribal themes;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of Swadesh Darshan is developing thematic circuits in the country including Odisha in a planned and prioritized manner. Submission of project proposals by the State Governments/ UT Administrations under the scheme is a continuous process. The projects under the schemes are identified in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and are sanctioned subject to their adherence to relevant scheme guidelines, submission of suitable Detailed Project Reports, availability of funds and utilization of funds released earlier.

Based on above criteria, Ministry has sanctioned the project Development of Coastal Circuit: Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara in Odhisa for Rs.70.42 Cr in the year 2016-17.
