

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3157  
ANSWERED ON 15.03.2021**

**DEVELOPMENT OF PROMOTION OF BATESHWAR STHAN**

**†3157. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for promoting locations in Bihar including Bateshwar Sthan in Bhagalpur in tourism sector;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any agency has been authorized for implementing the said scheme; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): Development and Promotion of Tourism is primarily responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism under its schemes ‘Domestic Promotion and Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH)’ and ‘Overseas Promotion and Marketing Development Assistance Scheme (OPMD)’ holistically promotes various tourism destinations and projects of the country including those in the state of Bihar. These promotions are undertaken through publicity campaigns, social media, events, website etc.**

**In addition, the Ministry of Tourism under its schemes of Swadesh Darshan and National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations/Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country. The projects are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable Detailed Project Reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier etc.**

**The details of the projects sanctioned under ‘Swadesh Darshan’ and ‘PRASHAD’ schemes in the State of Bihar is annexed.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3157 ANSWERED ON 15.03.2021 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF PROMOTION OF BATESHWAR STHAN****PROJECTS SANCTIONED IN BIHAR UNDER 'SWADESH DARSHAN' SCHEME****(Rs. in Crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Tirthankar circuit</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Vaishali-Arrah- Masad- Patna-Rajgir- Pawapuri-Champapuri</b>	<b>37.19</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Spiritual circuit</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala-Deoghar</b>	<b>44.76</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Buddhist Circuit</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya</b>	<b>98.73</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Rural Circuit</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa-Chandrahia- Turkaulia</b>	<b>44.65</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Mandar Hill &amp; Ang Pradesh</b>	<b>47.52</b>

**PROJECTS SANCTIONED IN BIHAR UNDER 'PRASHAD' SCHEME****(Rs. in Crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar</b>	<b>4.27</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Development at Patna Sahib</b>	<b>41.54</b>

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