

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1213
ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019**

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT OF BUDDHIST PLACES

†1213. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of infrastructure development at Buddhist places and regional handicraft development centres in the country;**
- (b) whether the said project is likely to be funded by the Ministries of Tourism, Culture and Finance and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the status of the progress of cultural learning Centre, Meshwo reservoir front development, tribal haat and handicraft market places along with the policy of the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)

(a) and (b): Ministry has identified Buddhist Circuit as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development under Swadesh Darshan Scheme. Ministry has sanctioned 5 projects under this circuit for Rs.361.97 crore and the details of the same are annexed.

Swadesh Darshan Scheme is Central Sector Scheme (100% funded by Government of India). Development of Craft Haat, Exhibition Gallery and Souvenir Shops are among the admissible components under the scheme.

(c): The Ministry has not sanctioned any project for development of Meshwo Reservoir in Gujarat.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1213 ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019 REGARDING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT OF BUDDHIST PLACES.

THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER BUDDHIST CIRCUIT THEME OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME

(Rs. In crore)

S. No.	State/ Sanction Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	Madhya Pradesh (2016-17)	Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar	74.94
2.	Uttar Pradesh (2016-17)	Development of Buddhist Circuit in Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilvastu	99.97
3.	Bihar (2016-17)	Construction of Convention Centre adjacent to Maya Sarovar on the western side at Bodhgaya, Bihar	98.73
4.	Gujarat (2017-18)	Development of Buddhist circuit: Junagadh- Gir-Somnath- Bharuch- Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	35.99
5.	Andhra Pradesh (2017-18)	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Thotlakonda- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda- Amravati-Anupu	52.34
Total			361.97
