

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1249
ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019**

BUILDING OF RURAL TOURISM CLUSTERS AND PARKS

†1249. SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G. FATEPARA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to build rural tourism clusters and tourism parks to promote tourism at a large scale in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and**
- (c) the details and the number of such clusters and parks proposed to be set up in Gujarat?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism, under the scheme of Swadesh Darshan, provides Central Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations/Central Agencies for development of tourist infrastructure in identified thematic circuits in the country. The projects for development under the scheme are identified in consultation with the State Governments/UT 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.

Rural circuit is one of the fifteen thematic circuits identified for development under the scheme. The list of projects sanctioned by the Ministry under the Rural Circuit is as below:

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	State/Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Bihar 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa - Chandrahia - Turkaulia	44.65
2.	Kerala 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism	80.37

(c): The list of projects sanctioned to the State of Gujarat under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme is given at the Annexure. No project has been sanctioned to the state under Rural Circuit theme.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1249 ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019 REGARDING BUILDING OF RURAL TOURISM CLUSTERS AND PARKS.**

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(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Circuit Name/ Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	Heritage Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Ahmedabad-Rajkot-Porbandar –Bardoli-Dandi	85.01
2.	Heritage Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Vadnagar- Modhera and Patan	98.61
3.	Buddhist Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	35.99
Total			219.61
