

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.†*307
ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019**

RURAL TOURISM CLUSTERS AND TOURIST PARKS

**†*307. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up rural tourism clusters and tourist parks to encourage tourism on a large scale;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the details of such clusters and parks proposed to be set up in Jammu and Madhya Pradesh?**

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.

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA
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(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan Scheme- Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuits is developing tourism infrastructure in the fifteen identified circuits, across the country, having tourist potential in a planned and prioritized manner. Under this scheme Ministry is developing public infrastructure in circuits including Tourist Parks and Tourism Clusters.

Rural Circuit has been identified as one of the thematic circuit for development with an objective to develop basic infrastructure for showcasing the Rural sites and culture of the country to the tourists.

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, the details of projects sanctioned under Rural Circuit are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)			
Sr. No.	State/ Sanction Year	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Bihar (2017-18)	Development of Bhitiharwa - Chandrahia - Turkaulia	44.65
2.	Kerala (2018-19)	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	80.37
		Total	125.02

No proposal has been sanctioned in Jammu and Kashmir and Madhya Pradesh under Rural Circuit theme. However, Ministry has sanctioned 6 projects in Jammu & Kashmir under Himalayan Circuit theme and 4 projects in Madhya Pradesh under Wildlife, Buddhist, Heritage and Eco Circuit theme. Some of the sites covered under these projects falls under the Rural Areas. The details of projects sanctioned in Jammu & Kashmir and Madhya Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme are annexed.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.†*307 ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019 REGARDING RURAL TOURISM CLUSTERS AND TOURIST PARKS.

THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME IN JAMMU & KASHMIR AND MADHYA PRADESH
(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of Circuit/Project	Sanctioned Amount	Major components
Jammu & Kashmir			
1.	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Jammu-Srinagar-Pehalgam-Anantnag-Salamabad Uri- Kargil-Leh (2016-17)	82.97	Restaurant & food court, Multipurpose hall, Amusement Park, Associated infrastructure, Basic amenities, Signage, Sound and Light Show, Ice skating Ring, Apple Resort, Landscaping/site development etc.
2.	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama (2016-17)	96.38	Eco Log huts, Cafeteria, Pathways, Landscaping/site development, Last mile connectivity etc.
3.	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Construction of Assets in lieu of those Destroyed in 2014 Floods in Jammu-Srinagar-Baramulla-Poonch-Rajouri (2016-17)	90.95	Cafeteria, Basic amenities, Landscaping, Open Air Theater, Parking, Resting shelter etc.
4.	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Mantalai, Sudhmahadev, Patnitop	97.82	Yoga centre, Wellness Spa & Ayurveda Complex, Open Air Theater, Eco park,

	(2016-17)		Cafeteria, Basic amenities, site development etc.
5.	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Gulmarg, Baramulla, Kupwara, Leh Circuit (2016-17)	96.93	Convention Centre, Eco log huts, Tourist facilitation centre, Interpretation Centre, Adventure Sports Facilities, Basic amenities etc.
6.	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Anantnag- Kishtwar- Pahalgam – Daksum – Ranjit Sagar Dam (2016-17)	96.39	Tourist Reception/Facilitation Centre, Water Sports Facilities, Eco log huts, Cafeteria, Trekking Camp, Last Mile Connectivity, Parking etc.
Madhya Pradesh			
1.	Development of Wildlife Circuit: Panna, Mukundpur, Sanjay, Dubri, Bandhavgarh, Kanha, Mukki, Pench (2015-16)	92.22	Log huts, Cafeteria, Forest information centre, walking trails, Canopy walk, Camping sites, Wayside Amenities etc.
2.	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Sanchi, Satna, Rewa, Mandsaur, Dhar (2016-17)	74.94	Buddhist theme park, Sound & Light Show, Mediation Centre, Landscaping, Approach road, Pathways, Tourist Facilitation Centre, Interpretation Centre, Wayside Amenities etc.
3.	Development of Heritage Circuit: Gwalior, Orchha, Khajuraho, Chanderi, Bhimbetka, Mandu (2016-17)	92.97	Convention Centre, Tourist Facilitation Centre, Souvenir Shops, Sound and Light Show, Theme park, Parking, Gazebo, Basic amenities, Sewage Treatment Plant,

			Wayside Amenities etc.
4.	Development of Eco circuit: Gandhisagar Dam, Mandleshwar Dam, Omkareshwar Dam, Indira Sagar Dam, Tawa Dam, Bargi Dam, Bheda Ghat, Bansagar Dam, Ken River (2017-18)	99.62	Tourist facilitation centre, Cafeteria, Basic amenities, Boat club, Public visitor plaza, Eco log huts, Basic amenities, Water Sports Activities etc.
