

Title:Need to sanction adequate funds for providing infrastrucutre facilities at Sonepur fair in Chhapra, Bihar-laid.

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (CHHAPRA): The *Sonepur* Fair, held in *Chhapra* in the State of *Bihar* is one of the oldest rural fairs in the country as compared to *Pushkar Mela* in *Rajasthan*. Lakhs of tourists and pilgrims both from the country and abroad visit the *Sonepur Mela*. However, there are no adequate facilities for them. Therefore, there is need to build (i) full size Auditorium-cum-recreational centre for hosting cultural programmes; (ii) construction of bathing *ghats*; (iii) Landscaping and construction of roads, and (iv) provision of Tourist Information building.

I request the Minister of Tourism to provide grants for development of infrastructure there.