

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2057  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2022

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HERITAGE SITES IN MADHUBANI AND DARBHANGA

†2057. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR YADAV:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central assistance is provided by the Government to States for maintenance of historical sites, heritage sites and tourism development;
- (b) if so, the detail thereof along with the amount released to Bihar and expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal with the Government to provide central financial assistance for maintenance of such cultural heritage sites and tourism development in Madhubani and Darbhanga districts of Bihar?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Government through Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) carries out conservation of ancient unprotected monuments in states. Further, central assistance is also provided under other schemes such as Swadesh Darshan and Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme administered by Ministry of Tourism.
- (b) The details of projects and expenditure in Bihar incurred under Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD Scheme by the Ministry of Tourism is given in Annexure-'A'.

There are 70 centrally protected monuments and sites in Bihar. Necessary conservation works are carried out by the ASI as per requirement and availability of funds. Details of expenditure and allocation on conservation and development works are given as under.

(Amount In Lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure
2018-19	176.00	175.98
2019-20	155.00	145.45
2020-21	123.00	123.00
2021-22	335.00	276.00 Upto 09.03.2022

- (c) There is no proposal with the ASI to provide central finance assistance for maintenance of heritage sites in Madhubani and Darbhange districts and tourism development.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED  
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**SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME**

(Amount Rs. in crore)

Circuit	Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Amount Utilised
Tirthankar circuit	2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	37.19	26.19	25.04
Spiritual circuit	2016-17	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76	42.52	39.76
Buddhist Circuit	2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	98.73	93.22	90.51
Rural Circuit	2017-18	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.65	35.72	22.33
Spiritual Circuit	2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	47.53	38.02	36.39

**PRASHAD SCHEME**

(Amount Rs. in crore)

Sl. No	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Approved cost	Amount Released	Amount utilised
1	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar**	2014-15	4.27	2.91	2.68
2	Development at Patna Sahib**	2015-16	41.54	33.23	30.98