

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have finalised a scheme to assist towns which are the centre of major pilgrim places;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any criteria has been fixed by the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds released so far for this purpose in 2002-2003?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a) to (e): A Scheme for `Rejuvenation of Culturally Significant Cities` was sent to the Planning Commission for inclusion in the Tenth Five Year Plan. The scheme is yet to be approved. As regards the selection of towns/cities and other details are concerned, these would be decided in consultation with the State Governments, after the scheme is finalized.