

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1311  
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DEVELOPMENT OF DWARKA AS TOURIST CENTRE IN GUJARAT  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of Gujarat has sought financial assistance from the Union Government to develop Dwarka as tourist centre;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has taken any decision in this regard to so far; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the decision is likely to be taken?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): Development and promotion of tourist centres/places is primarily undertaken by the State Government/UT Administration themselves. Central Department of Tourism provides funds on the basis of projects prioritised annually in consultation with them. No project has been prioritised for central financial assistance during the year 2002-2002 for development of Dwarka as a tourist spot. However, an Eco-tourism project at Bet Dwarka, District Jamnagar has been prioritised for Rs.20.00 lakhs.

Earlier, a project for development of Dwarka (Phase I) was sanctioned for Rs.47.80 lakhs during 1998-99 and for development of Dwarka (Phase II), Rs.41.11 lakhs had been sanctioned during 1999-2000.