

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5968
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INCLUSION OF PALANI IN TOURISM CIRCUIT
PALANIYAPPA GOUNDER KUMARASAMY

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal to include Palani under Tourism Circuit in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the assistance provided to the State Government for the development of pilgrim centres in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): In the Tenth Five Year Plan, there is no separate scheme for development of pilgrim centres in the country. However, creation of infrastructure at pilgrim centres is permissible under the scheme of Product/Infrastructure & Destination Development and Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits. Based on the proposals received from the State/Union Territories, 212 tourism projects have been sanctioned for an amount of Rs.11121.10 lakhs for different States/UT Administrations in the year 2002-2003. These include projects for development of facilities at pilgrim centres.