

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

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

- (a) whether any tourism projects are being taken up jointly by the Union and State Governments in Jammu and Kashmir to boost tourism;
- (b) if so, the amount sanctioned/released by the Union Government to the State Government for the purpose; and
- (c) the present status of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a), (b) and (c): Yes, Sir. The Prime Minister during his visit to Jammu and Kashmir had announced a comprehensive plan to create at least one lakh employment including self-employment opportunities in the next two years. Based on this announcement, a package for revival of tourism has been prepared for Kashmir Valley. The package has the following components:-

- 1 Assistance for House Boat Owners
- 2 Assistance for Hotel and Guest Houses
- 3 Assistance for Shikara Owners
- 4 Assistance for Ponywalas

In addition, the following tourism information projects have been sanctioned for Jammu and Kashmir during 2003-2004:-

Sl.No.	Name of Project (Rs. in lakhs)	Amount Sanctioned/Released
1	Integrated Development of Khir Bhawani Shrine at Talumula Ganderbal, Kashmir	107.00
2	Integrated Development of Shrine Complex at Baba Rishi, Tangmang, Kashmir	126.00
3	Reconstruction of existing deteriorated/damaged wall of Mughal Garden (Nishat Bagh Kashmir)	103.00
4	Integrated Development of Aishmuquam Shrine, Kashmir	61.25
5	Integrated Development of Shrine at Mattan, Kashmir	104.00
6	Construction of Shelter Sheds for Yatries at different Padavs on Amarnathji Yatra Route from Chandanwari to Holy Cave	109.00
7	Construction and improvement of drainage scheme in Katra Town	125.00

The Government is of the view that with the implementation of this package, the number of tourists is likely to go up.