

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

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

- (a) whether the Government have decided to develop the Badrinath pilgrimage centre on the lines of Vaishno Devi shrine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the expenditure likely to be incurred on the said project and by when it is likely to be completed; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): Based on the field visits and discussions with the State Government, the following items have been identified for development of Badrinath:-

1. The entire area in front of the temple to be cleaned up and landscaped.
2. Elegant lighting arrangement to be made in the temple complex as well as on the bridges and the landscaped portion.
3. Another bridge to be constructed for which financial sanction has been issued separately by the State Government out of the funds made available by the XI Finance Commission. With the construction of the second bridge, a proper circulation plan to be drawn up and all the shops which are currently located on the road in front of the temple could be relocated in the nearby area on Ajanta pattern.
4. A well planned parking space would be created for the buses as well as for the vehicles at point a little ahead of Badrish Ekta Van.
5. In the building which is being wrongly constructed along the main temple and which cannot now be demolished, a proper Information-cum-Interpretation Centre, incorporating the concept of March of Indian Civilization, to be set up.
6. The hot water kunds to be re-planned and effectively cleaned and made more elegant.
7. A by-pass road to be constructed connecting it with the Mana village.