

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:98  
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2000  
DEVELOPMENT OF SOBARIMALA IN KERALA  
K. MURALEEDHARAN

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

- (a) the total number of centres of pilgrim tourism identified so far and developed with State-wise break-up;
- (b) whether the Government had appointed a Committee to study the problems faced by the pilgrims in Sobarimala, Kerala;
- (c) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report; and
- (d) if so, the main suggestions made by the Committee for the development of this major pilgrim centre?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a),(b),(c) & (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.98 ANSWERED ON 28-07-2000 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF SOBARIMALA IN KERALA.

(a); In May 1992, a Committee on the Development of Pilgrim Tourism identified 19 centres and 2 circuits for tourism development in the first phase. Later a number of centres were added to the list in consultation with the State Governments. At present a total number of 60 pilgrim centres have been identified throughout the country. List of pilgrim centres identified State-wise is given in Annexure.

(b); No Sir.

(c) & (d); Does not arise.