

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4243
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SPIRITUAL TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing awareness among the public on `Spiritual Tourism`;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to boost Spiritual Tourism in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b) & (c): Development of tourism including Spiritual/Pilgrimage Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments concerned. Department of Tourism extends central financial assistance to the States/UTs for implementation of tourism schemes, including Spiritual/Pilgrimage Tourism, based on prioritization of such projects in consultation with them, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds.