

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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AMENITIES TO PILGRIMS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any requests from State Governments including Uttar Pradesh Government regarding allocation of funds for providing basic amenities to pilgrims during Mahakumbh at various places including Allahabad to be held in 2012-13;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken thereon and the time by which the funds are likely to be sanctioned?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM(SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) to (c): Development, promotion and implementation of tourism projects is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territories. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance for tourism projects which are prioritized in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territories, including destinations where Kumbh Mela takes place.

The project proposals submitted by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are prioritized based on discussions in the prioritization meetings held in the Ministry of Tourism.

The prioritization meeting for the State of Uttar Pradesh was held on 04.01.2011. Keeping in view the Kumbh Mela scheduled to be held in the year 2013 in Allahabad, a project for Development of Allahabad including Boat Club on the bank of river Yamuna as Destination has been prioritized for the year 2011-12.

The proposals that are complete as per scheme guidelines are examined and appraised for sanction subject to inter-se priority, availability of funds and status of utilization of funds released earlier under various schemes.