

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF WORSHIP PLACES AS TOURIST SPOTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of places of worship developed as tourist spots in the country, particularly in backward and rural areas and funds allocated therefor during the last three years, State-wise;and

(b) the places of worship proposed to be developed as tourist spots during the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) and (b): Development of tourist places including places of worship is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, however, provides financial assistance for the tourism projects based on proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority.

State/Union Territory-wise details of projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism for development and promotion of tourism, including development works at the places of worship, during the last three years are at Annexure.

In the current financial year 20 projects for Rs. 4372.51 lakhs have been sanctioned for development and promotion of tourism in the country.