

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF RELIGIOUS PLACES IN TOURIST MAP
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include the religious places of the country, including the holy Shrine of Madar Saheb and Neemsar of Makanpur (Uttar Pradesh) in its tourist map;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to develop religious places of the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of Tourism in the country is primarily undertaken by the State Government / Union Territory Administrations, including Uttar Pradesh. However, Ministry of Tourism provides funds to them under the following schemes :-

1. Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits.
2. Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects.
3. Computerization and Information Technology.
4. Fairs, Festivals and Events.
5. Rural Tourism- Infrastructure and Capacity Building for service providers.

Project proposals received from the State Government / Union Territories Administrations are examined as per the guidelines and sanctioned subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority.

The details of funds sanctioned and amounts sanctioned to the State Governments / Union Territory Administrations during the first two years of the 11th Five Year Plan, for development of tourism in the country including religious tourism is at Annexure.