

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:847  
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DEVELOPMENT OF AYODHYA AS TOURIST HUB  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop Ayodhya as tourist hub;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith funds allocated/released so far;
- (c) the details of monitoring agency to ensure proper utilisation of funds;and
- (d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project for Revitalization of Ayodhya (Faizabad) as a special Tourist Destination in Uttar Pradesh in the year 2008-09.
- (b): The project includes improvement of Parikarma Marg, provision of tourist shelters along Chauda Kosi Parikarma Marg, construction of toilets & urinals, revitalization including improvement and beautification of Suraj Kund, Vidha Kund, Ganesh Kund, Sita Kund, Hanuman Kund, Manu Kund, Mani Kund and Agni Kund. An amount of Rs.498.00 lakh has been sanctioned and Rs.398.40 lakh has been released so far.
- (c) & (d): Implementation and monitoring of projects is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. State level monitoring committee has been constituted by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for this purpose. Ministry of Tourism also monitors the progress of the projects through review meetings and site visits from time to time. Utilisation Certificate for an amount of Rs.398.40 lakh has been received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.