

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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HEALTH CARE FACILITIES FOR PILGRIMS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tourists visiting Jammu/Srinagar and Amarnath pilgrimage face inclement weather conditions; and
(b) if so, the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide various facilities to such tourists?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): It is the responsibility of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir to provide health care facilities and other amenities to the Amarnath pilgrims.

However Ministry of Tourism, Government of India provides Central Financial Assistance for projects which are prioritized in consultation with the State Government.

During 10th and 11th Plan period, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the following projects for development of tourism infrastructure relating to Amarnath Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir:

1. Strengthening of infrastructure on Amarnath Yatra Circuit for Rs. 100.00 lakh.
2. Establishment of Temporary Camps/Other facilities at Shri Amarnathji Camps under integrated development of Amarnathji tourist circuit scheme for Rs.700.00 lakh.
3. Development of Sonamarg Bowl and Wayside amenities enroute Shri Amarnathji Shrine up to Baltal Base Camp under Destination Development Scheme for Rs.443.92 lakh.