

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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SIKH TOURIST CIRCUITS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal/request for building and creating Sikh Tourist Circuits in the country linking various religious places of Sikhs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Union Government thereon and funds allocated/released thereunder, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the reasons for the delay in implementing the proposal?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Development and promotion of places of tourist interest, including development & promotion of pilgrim circuits are primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations themselves. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism projects, identified in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority under various schemes of the Ministry.

The Ministry of Tourism has appointed a National Level Consultant (NLC) to identify Integrated Tourism Circuits and Rural Clusters in each State (except North Eastern States) and Union Territory (UT). However, this Ministry has not received any specific proposal from any State Government or UT for development of Sikh Tourist Circuit in the country.

(c): Does not arise.