

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AT RELIGIOUS PLACES
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has coordinated with the department of Tourism to construct roads at the places which are important from tourism and religious point of view in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the result of the said coordination activity?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) to (c) Prime Minister's Office has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee (IMCC), to facilitate the resolution of inter-ministerial issues involved in the development of tourism in the country, as well as issues raised by Industry Associations in the Tourism Sector.

The Ministry of Tourism has identified a list of 53 tourism destinations/circuits and requested this Ministry for developing road connectivity to these identified tourism destinations/circuits. Out of the 53 locations, 40 locations are having direct NH connectivity and rest 13 locations are connected through State roads. The identified segments of NH connectivity to these tourist destinations / circuits have been included in various programmes for development of NHs.

For development of State road connectivity, a meeting was taken by Secretary (RT&H) in February, 2012, with the Principal Secretaries / Secretaries of Public Works Departments (PWDs) of the concerned States. Based on the decision taken during the meeting, the State Governments were requested to develop these identified State roads through Central Road Fund (CRF) / State Plan subject to availability of funds.