

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3238

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FUNDS FOR KUMBH MELA

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested to release funds for taking up various works for Simhashtha Kumbh Mela 2015-16;
- (b) if so, the details and present status thereof; and
- (c) the time by which fund is likely to be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a): Yes Madam, a proposal for providing assistance for organizing Kumbh Mela between July 2015 to August 2016 at Nashik-Trimbakeshwar Maharashtra has been received from the Government of Maharashtra.

(b) & (c): The proposal of State Government give detail of works to be taken up for organizing the Kumbh Mela and has indicated that about Rs.2378 crore would be required to fund these activities. The work proposed to be taken up include creation of temporary and some semi-permanent structure relating to essential civic services such as water, sanitation, health and hygiene, drainage, solid waste management, shelter, fire services, access to women/differently abled persons, renovation/repair/construction of roads bridges etc.

Even though organizing a 'fair' is a State subject, given the importance of the event, the proposal of State is under active consideration of Government for which an appropriate framework of providing assistance has been finalized.