

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF NAULAKHA TEMPLE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop Naulakha Temple in Madhubani district of Bihar as a tourist destination;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism projects which are identified in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and funds released for the projects that are complete as per scheme guidelines, subject to availability of funds and utilisation of funds released earlier

The State Government has informed that the Naulakha Temple dedicated to Kali is situated in heritage buildings campus at Rajnagar. The State Government has submitted a project proposal for development of Darbhanga- Madhubani & Rajnagar under heritage tourism circuit for an estimated CFA of Rs.4.60 Crore in the current financial year i.e. 2014-15. The same is under consideration of the Ministry.

The project component at Rajnagar contains development of Tourist Information Centre and Public conveniences at an estimated cost of Rs.182.28 Crore.