

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4331  
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2015  
FUNDS FOR GODAVARI PUSHKARA FESTIVAL  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Godavari Pushkara (Kumbh Mela of River Godavari) is going to be held this year in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the proposals received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for financial and other assistance for smoothly organizing the event; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto and the assistance being rendered by the Government including the details of fund allocation in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Yes Madam.
- (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that Godavari Pushkara Festival will be organized for 12 days starting from 14th July, 2015 and a proposal for financial assistance of Rs. 600 crores has been received by NITIAYOG from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- (c) The proposal was examined by NITIAYOG and based on their recommendation an amount of Rs. 100 Crores has been released by Department of Expenditure to the Government of Andhra Pradesh.