

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2232
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Development of Corridor Tourism
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop Adi Badri—the origin of Saraswati River in Haryana to promote tourism in the region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to declare Corridor Tourism in between Kurukshetra and Yamuna Nagar in Haryana and to develop these cities as cultural capitals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to provide world class infrastructure and connectivity to this region?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Promotion of tourism and development of its infrastructure is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism has been providing Central Financial Assistance to State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for various tourism projects which are prioritised in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds, submission of Utilisation Certificates against the funds released earlier and adherence to the existing scheme guidelines. The Ministry has sanctioned the following tourism projects for Adi Badri in 2003-04:

<pre> (Rs. in Lakh)	
Name of Project	Amount Sanctioned
Development at Udagam Sthal at Adi Badri (Adi Badri Dholavira Circuit)	178.79
Construction of Archaeological Complex at Adi Badri (Adi Badri- Dholavira Circuit)	178.79

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(c) and (d): Although no such proposals are under consideration under the HRIDAY Scheme, the Government of India has launched a new Mission i.e. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) with the objective to develop basic urban infrastructure – water supply sewerage, septage management storm water drains, urban transport and development of green spaces and parks with special provision for child-friendly components in the 500 cities/towns of the country. Yamuna Nagar in Haryana is covered under AMRUT.
