

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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KANWARIYA YATRAS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether lakhs of Kanwariyas trek to the 12 Jyotirling Dhamms for pilgrimage in the country during the month of Shravana every year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government or through its agencies makes arrangements/ provide facilities for the security, lodging, food, etc. for the Kanwariya pilgrims and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposals to provide said facilities to Kanwariya pilgrims during their pilgrimage/journey including 100 km long trek from Sultanganj to Baidyanath Dham in Deoghar (Jharkhand) and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism (MOT) does not compile the data of Kanwariyas trek to various Jyotirling Dhamms separately. However, the number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV's) to various States/UTs for the year 2012 and 2013 are given below:

Year	Number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV's)	Growth Rate
	2013/2012	
	(in Million)	
2012	1045.05	9.59 %
2013	1145.28	

The development and promotion including the facilities for the security, lodging, food, etc. tourism is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism (MOT) provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments/Union Territory Administration for various tourism projects prioritized every year in consultation with them subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

MOT has sanctioned a project for construction of queue complex at Deoghar in Jharkhand for development of facilities for Kanwariya pilgrims during their pilgrimage and Rs.23.71 crore has been sanctioned as Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for this project in the year 2011-12.