

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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PILGRIMAGE PLACES AS TOURIST CENTRES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals from the State Governments for inclusion of pilgrimage places/tourist spots in the list of World Tourist Centres including Prayag; and

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last one year and the current year along with the action taken thereon, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The development and promotion of 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.

The Ministry of Tourism neither declares tourist destinations as World Tourist Centres nor makes any recommendations in this regard. Hence the inclusion of pilgrimage places/tourist spots in such a list does not arise.