

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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Recognition of Shanti Niketan as Tourist Spots
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken any step/initiative to recognise Shanti Niketan in Birbhum district of West Bengal as an international tourist spot;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the steps likely to be taken by the Government for the development of Shanti Niketan as tourist spot?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Development of tourism including taking step/initiative to recognise any tourist place as an international tourist spot is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations including the State Government of West Bengal.

The State Government of West Bengal has informed that they have taken the following steps to develop Shantiniketan as a tourist spot:-

- (i) A project for Construction of 10 Cottages in Amar Kuthir Eco-Tourism Park, (Rangabitan Tourist Lodge, Shantiniketan) in the year 2013-14 & 2014-15 has been completed at a cost of Rs.86.30 Lakh.
- (ii) Additional works like obtaining service connections from West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL), procurement of AC machines, lighting and water supply arrangement, plumbing, furniture, etc. for ten cottages in Amar Kuthir Eco-tourism Park, Bolpur has also been completed at a cost of Rs.72.00 Lakh.
